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FERGUSON BREAKS THE SCHEINFLUG SABOTAGED!

says John Economos.

Coach of the Young Socceroos, Les Scheinflug, struck problems once again late last week when he assembled his Young Champions in camp in Sydney.

With time ticking away before the World Youth Championships in Mexico, Scheinflug has been hit by lack of co-operation from two NSL coaches.

A few of the Young Socceroos turned up at the training camp carrying injuries.

The Australian coach immediately put them through a thorough medical check and all were declared unfit to train with Australia.

The problem facing Scheinflug is that ALL were instructed by their club coaches that they had to play for their clubs last weekend.

Great stuff for Australia.

With only weeks to go before the young Australian kids face up to the deadliest young players in the world, Scheinflug — as if he already didn't have problems — now has to contend with battling his own coaching colleagues.

Australia in the first round of the World Youth Championships has to meet Korea, Mexico and Scotland.

Who is Korea?

Only the current Asian champions.

Who is Scotland?

Only the current European champions.

And what kind of players is Scotland

going to throw at Australia?

Probably about five current Premier Division players in the UK.

Australia will have to face names like Tottenham Hotspur's Alister Dick, Aberdeen's Eric Black and Neil Cooper, Sunderland's Alley McCoist and Celtic's Paul McStay... just to name a few.

Scheinflug automatically rested his injured kids and sent them for medical treatment, but the injuries are so tender that playing could aggravate the situation.

The Australian coach lamented: "Time is running out for me and I

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David Lowe — he's as fit as they come and hoping to hit the goals target in Mexico.

"ITALIAN CONNECTION"

By Tom McKain

Charlie Villani could be back in the Adelaide City line-up, despite being placed on the transfer list in coach Bobby Ferguson's purge.

Supporters of the Italian-backed club were shattered when Ferguson named Villani along with Jimmy Wright, former Socceroo Johnny Nykohous, Chris Miller and Chris Manou for transfer.

"They don't fit into my plans at present," said Ferguson when he issued the list.

While there has never been any stipulation that players with Italian backgrounds should be given preference in the team, there has always been at least two in the line-up — provided they had the talent.

Villani has talent, but if he is sold, only Sergio Melta is left of the "Italian connection".

In fairness to Ferguson, Villani has not been in top form, and the dour Scottish coach gave a hint of a change of heart last week.

"Anyone who can hit form and prove himself will come off the transfer list," said Ferguson.

"We have a team in the State League Second Division and we have training sessions.

"Anyone can prove himself there."

As it was, Ferguson had to recall Johnny Nykohous last week when Brian Northcote pulled out with flu.

Meanwhile West Adelaide could jump in for Chris Manou.

The big all-rounder has a Greek background and was with West as a junior.

Still only 21, he was making a name for himself in midfield last season, but Ferguson has used him as a centre-back and full-back this year, and Manou has been struggling.

KOSSIE DENIES CHARGE

By David Jack

John Kosmina yesterday denied serious charges made against him by Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos.

The Australian captain was involved in some verbal battles with Heidelberg fans at the conclusion of Sunday's NSL match between his team, Sydney City and Heidelberg.

As a result of the incident, Gouloupoulos stated he would complain about Kosmina to the NSL management.

The Heidelberg president accused Kosmina of using racist expressions in arguments with Greek fans.

Kosmina, who, according to reports, had a very frustrating match (Sydney City lost 1-0) claims he was upset by the Heidelberg fans who called him names at the end of the match.

Kosmina said: "I was late leaving the field because I was chatting to a photographer. Then I copped a mouthful from the fans. I told them to go away and brushed them aside."

"That's all there was to it."

Mr Gouloupoulos was severely critical of several Sydney City players and claims one (not Kosmina) deserved the red card.

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EDITORIAL

Soccer is getting a very good deal from television in Sydney this year... or is it? It seems just about every channel is getting in on the act, leaning over backwards to present the sport to the lucky viewers.

Yet the whole exercise is somewhat superficial. The various channels are delighted to screen Soccer from overseas, so long as it doesn't interfere with the normal run of programmes. In other words, Soccer is acceptable at a time of night when most people have gone to bed. In prime viewing time — never.

When the Philips Soccer League was first formed, it was promised huge exposure on Channel TEN. But the Philips Top Soccer show did not last. It had virtually no chance of survival, mainly because it went on too late at night.

Take a look at some of the offerings on Sydney TV in a typical recent week:—

Thursday... The Road to Wembley. Channel 9. 11 p.m.

Thursday... Tribute to Young Socceroos. Channel 10. 11.35 p.m.

Monday... Match of the Day. Channel 2. 10 p.m.

Monday... Big League Soccer. Channel 7. 10.50 p.m.

Tuesday... The Road to Wembley. Channel 9. 10.45 p.m.

Thursday... All Star Soccer. Channel 10. 11.35 p.m.

Thursday... English Soccer. Channel 9. 11 p.m.

We have come to accept the late screening of the English games but surely there can be no excuse for the semi-documentary on the Youth Socceroos to have been shunted back to the 11.35 time slot. If ever there was a programme which had enormous appeal to youngsters, it was this one. Australia's Youth team has captured the imagination of every boy in the nation — and plenty of their parents — and it was a stroke of genius for Channel 10 to produce a show paying tribute to those Socceroo kids. But it was stroke of infamy to give the programme its first airing at 11.35 at night.

We wonder how many kids were permitted to stay out of bed after midnight to watch the Young Socceroos in action. Precious few.

This year, Channel 7 is getting involved in local Soccer. Its first effort was the Australia v New Zealand international in Melbourne. Naturally, it went on late in the night. What a pity the channel didn't take a gamble and screen the match live.

That is too much to expect. It must be stressed that this criticism of TV Soccer does NOT apply to Channel O-28. This is one channel which knows what the Soccer public wants and usually supplies it. It is a pity so many viewers have difficulty getting a clear picture on O-28.

If you notice anything different about your AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY this week, we hope you like it.

The paper has been revamped, with several of our previous features restored. ASW hit the top last year with record sales and most gratifying interest and enthusiasm from readers. It seemed as if some of the reader enthusiasm was missing this year. That is why the changes in format and content have been made — starting with this issue.

If you don't like the "new look" ASW, we apologise. We want to please and we want to produce the sort of Soccer newspaper you enjoy reading.

How about dropping us a line? We will welcome praise or criticism. Just let us know what you want — and we'll do our best to supply it.

JOHNNY WATKISS

Former Australian World Cup star, last week appointed NSW State coach, Johnny Watkiss, announced his State training squad for the match against Queensland at Perry Park, Brisbane, on Sunday, May 8.

By John Economos



NSW COACH,
Johnny Watkiss.

I was highly elated when the NSW Soccer Federation made Watkiss their choice as State coach.

Their decision was easily the wisest appointment the State Federation has made for a very long time.

Congratulations to the boys from Parklea.

One of Australia's best ever international players, Watkiss in typical unselfish, but most constructive fashion, selected his squad with Australia's best interest at stake... not concerned about politics or self-preservation.

When I contacted Watkiss last night for his squad and personal thoughts, the giant super-sportsman quietly remarked:

"When making my selections, I was given complete freedom of choice.

"But although equipped with such freedom, I felt bound to make my selection with Australia's future on the international arena getting first priority."

Watkiss continued: "I have tried to encourage so-

me players with the next World Cup in mind.

"I have purposely left out some as they will not be giving Australia too much service in the near future.

"I also wanted to be able to assist Frank Arok and Les Scheinflug who look after the national team with the England Test series coming up.

"It will give them the opportunity to see more of

their own national squad members in action as time is running out.

"Again I purposely left out all squad members of the Australian Youth team.

"I felt with their club and national training commitments, together with their Mexico tour coming up, the burden could prove too much for them and they could get bogged down with too much football.

"That is the only reason I have neglected Youth team players.

"We must not forget the magnificent job our lads did in the 1981 World Youth Championship so I have included some of these boys.

"For example, Wheatley, Carter, Kay, Raskopoulos, Mitchell and Koussas have been drafted into the squad to blend with seasoned and well experienced top players of the calibre of Kosmina, Ratcliffe, Vidaic, Katholos and O'Connor."

Watkiss made it clear th-

SELECTS

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at between now and May 8, the squad will eventually be cut back from 23 to a travelling party of 14 players going to Brisbane, but in that time, players like Saints' flying striker, Robbie Slater could possibly be added to the team.

Watkiss commented: "Robbie Slater to me is an exciting lad, but has only just made his comeback for St George last Saturday against South Melbourne.

"He will not be neglected as his manager Frank Arok will be monitoring his progress very closely and relaying it on to the State squad.

"We will be going up to Queensland to play entertaining football with a strong squad. I am not treating this match as a picnic game at Perry Park.

The NSW squad started training last night (Monday) at the St George Stadium, and it is envisaged at this stage that NSW will train every Monday night at the same venue.

These training sessions will be followed up with a match against Arok's Australian team on May 18.

The NSW Squad is:

Goalkeepers: Woodhouse & Watson.

Back-Four: Wheatley, Carter, Jennings, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Pullen, Bertogna, Vidaic.

Midfielders: Raskopoulos, Katholos, Stone, Cant, Kovacic, Kay.

Strikers: Kosmina, Mitchell, O'Connor, Soper, Giampaolo, Jankovics, Koussas.

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM:

Canberra v Heidelberg, Bruce, Sat., 3pm
Sydney City v St George, Athletic Field, Sun., 3pm

Sth Melbourne v Wollongong, Middle Park, Sun., 3pm

West Adelaide v Brisbane City, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sun., 2.30pm

Preston v Newcastle, Connor Reserve, Sun., 3pm

Brisbane Lions v Footscray, Richlands, Sun., 3pm

Marconi v Olympic, Marconi Stadium, Sun., 3pm

Leichhardt v Adelaide City, Lambert Park, Sun., 3pm

YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GI.	Dif.	Pts
1. Marconi	4	2	1	1	8	5	+3	7	
2. A.I.S.	4	2	1	1	4	4	—	7	
3. Sydney City	3	2	0	1	11	3	+8	6	
4. Newcastle	3	2	0	1	5	2	+3	6	
5. Canberra	5	2	0	3	9	11	-2	6	
6. Olympic	4	2	0	2	8	12	-4	6	
7. St George	3	1	1	1	5	4	+1	4	
8. Wollongong	5	1	1	3	3	8	-5	4	
9. Leichhardt	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3	



DEFERRED GAMES ON FRIDAY

The NSL has rescheduled two deferred games for Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

The first match is a league game between Sydney City and Footscray, starting at 6.45pm.

This will be followed by a quarter final of the Nation Cup between Marconi and Brisbane City, beginning at 8.30 pm.

NSL RESULTS

Heidelberg 1 (Valentine) beat Sydney City 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3000.

Wollongong 1 (Ainsworth) drew with West Adelaide 1 (Atsalas) at Corral. Crowd: 2500.

Brisbane City 3 (Hamilton, Tokesi, McMillan o.g.) beat Preston 1 (Lucchesi) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2000.

Sydney Olympic 0 drew with Brisbane Lions 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 6850.

Footscray 1 (Paton) beat Canberra 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

Adelaide City 1 (Mullen) beat Marconi 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,500.

St George 2 (Slater, Barton) beat Sth. Melbourne 0 at Barton Park. Crowd: 4,150.

Newcastle KB 1 (Mountford) beat Leichhardt 0 at International Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,422.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED WEEK ENDING 10.4.83

DATE	DAY	HOME	SCORES	AWAY
9.4.83	SAT	ST GEORGE	1 v 1	MARCONI
		Petkovski	(1) H.T. (1)	Licata
9.4.83	SAT	NEWCASTLE	2 v 0	LEICHHARDT
		Caban 21, Brandt 82	(1) H.T. (0)	
10.4.83	SUN	SYD OLYMPIC	0 v 5	SYDNEY CITY
			(0) H.T. (3)	Sargeant 5, Boden 32, 70, De Marigny 15, 72
10.4.83	SUN	WOLLONGONG	0 v 3	CANBERRA
			(0) H.T. (1)	Lamond 12, 85, 86



Robbie Wheatley

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
1. West Adelaide	5	3	2	0	5	2	11	2	2	0	0	2	0	6	3	1	2	0
2. Heidelberg	5	2	3	0	5	2	9	3	2	1	0	4	1	7	2	1	2	0
3. Sth Melbourne	5	2	2	1	9	5	8	2	1	1	0	4	1	4	3	1	1	5
4. Newcastle KB	5	2	2	1	8	5	8	3	1	2	0	3	2	5	2	1	0	1
5. Preston	5	2	2	1	9	7	8	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	3	1	1	6
6. Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	6	6	8	3	2	1	0	5	3	7	2	0	1	1
7. Brisbane City	4	2	1	1	8	7	7	3	2	0	1	7	6	6	1	0	1	0
8. St George	5	2	1	2	4	3	7	3	2	1	0	4	1	7	2	0	0	2
9. Sydney City	4	2	0	2	4	6	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	2
10. Canberra	5	1	2	2	10	7	5	2	1	1	0	7	2	4	3	0	1	2
11. Syd. Olympic	5	1	2	2	6	6	5	3	2	2	2	5	6	4	2	0	1	1
12. Wollongong	5	0	4	1	6	7	4	3	0	3	0	3	3	3	2	0	1	3
13. Leichhardt	4	1	1	2	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	2
14. Marconi	5	1	1	3	3	7	4	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	3	0	0	3
15. Brisbane Lions	5	1	1	3	4	10	4	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	3	0	1	2
16. Footscray	4	1	0	3	3	9	3	3	1	0	2	3	8	3	1	0	0	1

PETER SHEEAN SPEAKS



Peter Sheean, the ASF's new commercial director, addresses the inaugural luncheon of the Canberra Arrows VIP club. Also pictured (from left) are ACT Liberal Senator, Margaret Reid, Arrows' secretary/administrator, Ms Karen Grega and its President, Mr Charles Perkins. Picture courtesy of Vladimir Stojanovic.

ADELAIDE ANGER OVER AROK

By Tom McKain

Adelaide fans, particularly those at West, are wondering what S.A. players have to do to make the Socceroo squad.

With West sitting at the top of the NSL after a win over St. George, caretaker (and Saints) coach Frank Arok announced five additions to the original squad selected by Les Scheinflug.

Two of the replacements came from his own team — goalkeeper Terry Greedy and central defender Mike O'Shea.

Greedy looks a capable replacement for West's Martyn Crook, out with an injured knee.

O'Shea is a competent defender, but is he really all that much better than West's Robbie Dunn, the central point in a defence which is now the best in the competition?

And is there a better attacking full-back than West's Ian McGregor?

Arok's other additions were Sydney City defender Jim Cant and midfiel-

ders Ken Murphy (South Melbourne) and Mike Valentine (Heidelberg).

Steve Atsalas has been burning midfield for West and Sergio Melta doing likewise for City.

No one can blame any coach for selecting the players he knows best — and a national coach who is also a club coach has little chance to see "outsiders".

Even when he does, his time is taken up watching the performance of his own team.

But before we are finished we may have the same situation as faced us when Rudi Gutendorf was in charge — a record number of players wearing the Australian shirt in one season.

And perhaps three different teams taking on England in June — if the first up 11 don't click.

AHMET AWAD - AMEN!

Heidelberg United have given Ahmed Awad the cold shoulder. The Committee cancelled his contract last week, because of their inability to meet his extraordinary demands.

The Egyptian international has entered negotiations with Marconi Sydney and it seems at this stage he will join Doug Collins' team.

Meantime Heidelberg have finalised negotiations with Box Hill striker Scot Patterson, and the player has signed a two-years contract with the club.

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West Adelaide coach Alan Vest is reluctant to comment on his team's chances this season, despite their tremendous start.

Last year he held off saying anything until they were in the top four for two weeks.

When he reluctantly tipped they would be in the Top Four fight, they slipped out and down the table, so now he's saying nothing.

PATON JOINS FOOTSCRAY

By Con Nikolopoulos

Footscray is on the road to recovery, according to club president Zika Karic.

The reserved president expressed his optimism about the future of his team in this year's championship, immediately after the signing of former Heidelberg forward Jamie Paton.

"I am certain Paton will reinforce our forward line," said Karic. "His nose for goal is something we need at Footscray. I am certain Jamie will combine very effectively with Zdravko Lujic, Gus McLeod and Joe Carroll, to increase our miserable goal tally."

Karic's optimism also stems from the fact that colourful left-winger Lujic has settled his differences with the club, and agreed to stay at Schintler Reserve, and midfielders Slodoban Jovanovic and Vlatko Belic are back training with the side.

Jamie Paton is the second member of the successful McKendry team that has departed from Heidelberg, in the space of three weeks.

Only a fortnight ago, John Yzendoorn joined South Melbourne for an alleged fee of \$15,000.

Karic refused to disclose the amount he paid for Paton. I have it on very good authority, however, that Footscray forked out \$8,000.

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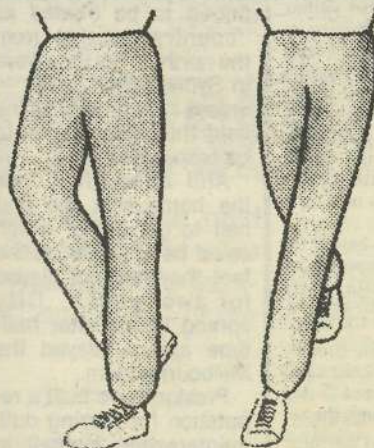
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SLATER PAVES THE WAY

BUT SOUTH MELB SO DISAPPOINTING

BY KEITH GILMOUR.

It took just 12 minutes for Robbie Slater to celebrate his return to the St. George side with a splendid goal that set his team on the way to a 2-0 win over South Melbourne at St George Stadium on Saturday.

The youngster played havoc with a visiting team that was packed with stars who, with the exceptions of Alan Davidson and Ken Murphy, entirely failed to twinkle, let alone shine.

The goal was certainly worth recounting. Slater gate-crashed a leaky defence from the right, exchanged a pass with Dez Marton, and raced through to a spot just outside the penalty box.

John Muskovits allowed Slater to retake possession and he responded by placing his shot just inside the far post.

The Gunners' measured passes across the back and lack of forward thrust indicated that they had come to Sydney for a point.

Later it became clear that they simply had nothing to offer on the day. Coach Rale Rasic attributed their lack-lustre display to the effect of the Easter Sunday 1-1 draw with Heidelberg followed by the 6-2 Cup demolition of Canberra on the Monday.

He had a point, no

doubt, but surely that was only part of the story. Of the three-man forward line, Steve Wooddin failed to click once again; Doug Brown produced very little indeed and Charlie Egan buzzed around without receiving the service he needs.

In fact it is impossible to recall even one South Melbourne shot on the goal over the full 90 minutes.

For their part, the Saints tore into everything with relish.

Terry Greedy stifled the opposition early by picking the crosses out of the air in conjuror-like fashion.

Peter Stone and Mark Barton were in superb mid-field touch while David Skeen ripped the heart out of the South Melbourne defence in the second half as he gleefully scooped up the wing to deliver a fusillade of crosses.

Late in the first half, Dez Marton twice had unbearable pressure on the South goal and three minutes after the resumption, he virtually sealed the result.

He set up Barton from the inside-left position and the midfielder raced through to elude Peter Laumets and slip the ball a metre inside the post.

Midway in the half, it could well have been 3-0. Oscar Crino, still below his peak, was not penalised by referee Tony Boskovic when his arm met a ball which dropped inside the area.

Saints' win was joyously celebrated by the big contingent of Greek supporters among the Saturday crowd.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Muskovits, J.O'Shea, Marton, (Wilson 78 mts.)

STH. MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wooddin, (Yzen-doorn 67 mts), Brown, Egan.

GOALS: 1-0 Slater 12 mts. 2-0 Barton 48 mts.

CROWD: 4,120

REFEREE: T. Boskovic



Brisbane City midfielder Bob Hamilton on the run against Preston. He scored City's first goal.

A POOR STANDARD GAME

By Jock Stephen

Play in the early stages between Footscray and Canberra was quite scrappy and both sides had trouble controlling the ball in the fierce northerly wind.

Canberra were first to have a go when Duncan Cole laid on a chance for Ian Gibson who missed after four minutes.

Vlatko Belic led the Footscray attack with lots of zest to put some bite into the home team's effort: surprisingly it took a while for Footscray to realise that high crosses were not getting them anywhere.

Ken Taylor and Joe Carroll led the way with the ball hugging the turf and had it not been for some great defence work in the Canberra midfield and the alertness of Steve Hoszowski in goal, the Canberra citadel would have fallen.

However, a great Belic run down the left wing and a nifty cross for Paton to drive home a fine goal for Footscray at the 44th minute lifted the tension from Footscray shoulders.

Duncan Cole was unlucky not to have scored in the 37th minute but those chances never repeat themselves.

Footscray had worked hard against the wind which spoiled the game as a spectacle but their goal was well deserved and gave Hoszowski no chance.

The non-appearance of Duncan Cole after half time surprised many as he had been one of his team's best — but it was learned that he was suffering from a cartilage injury.

Canberra must have our sympathy as they do have a high injury list.

Canberra handled the strong head wind much better than the home team had done and it was an object lesson for the Footscray forwards.

Paton and Carroll worked well together. Curovic had moved forward to strengthen the attack and what looked like the "perfect goal" by Paton from a square pass by Belic was ruled out of order through another Footscray forward being in an offside position.

Joe Carroll, who has settled in very nicely, skimmed the bar with a lethal drive aided by the powerful wind.

Redmond and McLaren combined well with only 11 minutes to go in an effort to gain a point but were denied by Denis Boland at his best. A Paton effort with the whistle due at any second, said much for Footscray's shrewd purchase from Heidelberg as it curled over the bar.

Best for Footscray Tutil, Belic, Carroll and Paton. Best for Canberra Terry Byrne, Hoszowski, Stone and Cole in the first half.

MOUNTFORD HEADS AGAIN

By Myles Hay

Newcastle expects Bob Mountford to score goals with that "expert" head of his and again he didn't let the supporters down with another sweetly-timed headed goal to down Leichhardt.

Apart from that vital goal however the opponent's goal net is still an extremely elusive target for the KB foragers.

Many chances were created against Leichhardt but were not converted — in fact one miss by Mountford late in the first half must be classified in the impossible-to-miss category.

From a fine cross by David Jones on the left David Lowe cleverly steered the ball to the waiting Mountford, but the experienced striker somehow contrived to scoop it over the bar from less than five metres.

The rugged striker's lethal ability appears to lie more with his head than in his shooting.

Last week Mountford nodded in the equaliser against Adelaide City and headed two into the Brisbane City net, actually completing his hat-trick of goals in that match with an "own goal" — yes from yet another header past his goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

But there was a heartening approach to much of Newcastle's play against Leichhardt with a much greater determination to move the ball into their opponents' territory.

Young Grant Lee, on a season's loan from Sydney City sparked throughout, continually forcing his presence on the game.

However he too was infected with Newcastle's "squanderi-

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ANGRY BRISBANE CITY HIT BACK

By Greg Russell

Brisbane City, fired up by the treatment they were given in Sydney over the Easter weekend, overcame a one-goal deficit to beat Preston 3-1 at Spencer Park.

Gladiators coach Jim Hermiston told his players they would be continued to be treated as "country cousins from the north" — as they were in Sydney over Easter — unless they proved on the field they were a side to be respected.

And although it took the home side the first half to get going, which could be attributed to the fact they had not played for two weeks, City sprang to life after half-time and outplayed the Melbourne team.

Preston have built a reputation for playing dull, uninteresting football in Brisbane and they did nothing to change that in this match.

Both teams had fair opportunities early on but it was the visitors who got on the score sheet first.

Alex Livingston played a great deep ball to the far post, which City keeper Kim Wishart missed, for David Jones to head back to Claude Lucchesi who finished well from close range.

A goal behind, one would have expected Preston to open up a little but they were slow and uni-

maginative. New midfielder Zoran Ilioski showed some flair in the centre of the park but the team lacked direction in the middle.

Ollerton, playing as sweeper, showed some promise but he never created anything and was more intent on clearing the ball.

Former South Melbourne player George Campbell was about the only Preston player who tried anything out of the ordinary but few of his team mates were thinking as quickly.

City winger Joe Cairney nearly got away just before half-time when Ollerton was slow to run onto a through ball but Preston keeper Richard Wilson was quick to make a save.

The former New Zealand goalie may not have been so pleased with his second half as he had to share some of the blame for all three City goals.

The first came just 12 minutes into the half when Gladiators midfielder Bobby Hamilton, making his return to the starting line-up for the first time in a month, cracked a good shot from

30 metres.

Wilson seemed very slow to react and did no more than helplessly wave his arm in the air as the ball flew into the top corner.

Wilson's weakness was highlighted again in the second goal when he failed to move off his line to pick up a Pimblett corner and the ball sailed across the goalmouth for Peter Tokesi to knock in at the far post.

But the third goal was a real crusher for the Rams. If the spectators thought Hamilton's goal was good, they were silenced by City's third — a 40 metre screamer, from Preston midfielder George McMillan into his own net.

The goal was almost unbelievable. City striker Stephen Glockner had the ball just inside Preston's half. He had beaten one Preston player when McMillan charged in and swept his foot through to send the ball powering goalwards.

The Preston goalie, like his team-mates, stood dumbfounded as the ball flew into the net for the best goal of the match!



Peter Ollerton

Preston possibly could have considered themselves unlucky not to get two goals in an aggressive second half in which referee Gordon Nicholson booked Campbell and Hamilton.

In the 62nd minute, City were lucky to survive a penalty appeal from the Preston players when 'keeper Kim Wishart climbed over several Preston strikers to regain the ball after he dropped a Livingstone cross.

Preston were obviously upset by some of the decisions and the result and Ollerton refused to speak to the Press afterwards.



Two of Australia's great defenders in action at St George Stadium with David Skeen making a tackle on Alan Davidson.

VALENTINE VOLLEY SINKS SLICKERS

Heidelberg United overtook another major obstacle in their race to the top.

By Con Nikolopoulos

The Bergers recorded a slender 1-0 win over National League champions Sydney City and consolidated their position in the top four.

A 30 metres volley by Mike Valentine gave the home team their second win for the season which elevates them to second place on the table, while it sent Sydney City tumbling.

Seriously hampered by the absence of key players, both coaches had to reshuffle their teams. Ken Morton had to shift John Spanos to left back to cover for the loss of Jim Tansey and bring in new recruit Scot Patterson in the forward line.

His counterpart Eddie Thomson also had to rearrange his side to make room for goalkeeper Todd Clarke and midfielder Ian Souness.

In spite of the changes in the line up Sydney City badly missed the services of Socceroo forward David Mitchell and Kenny Boden.

To compensate for their loss and aiming at gathering the high crosses in the box Eddie

Thomson pushed captain Murray Barnes into the forward line.

The tactics however failed to produce results for both Barnes and Socceroo captain John Kosmina were kept under tight guard throughout the game.

The match produced very few thrills because the gale force winds prevented both sides from developing their play.

In fact it was the defences that figured in the game as the ball was travelling at high speed from end to end.

John Kosmina upset a lot of people with his attitude.

Obviously frustrated, Kosmina was tough on opponents on a number of occasions and gesticulated —provoking tremendous roars.

Even on the way to the dressing rooms after the game, Kosmina retaliated by saying things to the public.

His attitude attracted criticism from Soccer officials pre-

sent, while club president Sam Goupoloulos stated to ASW after the incident that he was going to file a complaint to the National League suggesting action be taken against John Kosmina.

Heidelberg started the game with the wind on their back and soon established territorial dominance.

A goal by Mike Valentine 12 minutes into the game forced Sydney City to permanently settle in Slickers' area.

Centre-half Steve O'Connor made the fatal error which led to Heidelberg scoring the winning goal. In his attempt to clear the ball, O'Connor passed back to team mate Kevin Mullen. Shaky Mullen failed to connect with the pass allowing Valentine to gain control of the ball and hammer it into the net from 30 metres out.

Heidelberg missed a brilliant opportunity to increase the margin in the 20th minute when Chilean midfielder Juan Toro failed to beat Clarke in a man-to-man situation.

MULLEN STAKES HIS CLAIM

By Tom McKain

Joe Mullen staked another claim for re-inclusion in the Soccero Youth team for Mexico when he grabbed the only goal of the match to give Adelaide City a 1-0 win over Marconi at Olympic Sports Field.

When he missed out on the Costa Rica leg of the World Cup qualifying matches because of injury national coach Les Scheinflug told Mullen to secure a regular place in the City team and he would be considered for the WYC finals.

Mullen took his chance against Marconi in the 79th minute when he raced into the box on the left to collect a low cross from Steve Maxwell, a recent addition to the Youth trial squad, who had taken the ball down the right side of the park.

Mullen, calm as always, steadied himself and swept the ball past goalkeeper Bruce James for his second goal since joining the NSL at the beginning of the season from State League team Para Hills.

It was three high rolling points for City as it put them into the joint top four bracket.

While Mullen's goal and Maxwell's cross were gems, the match failed to sparkle, despite the fact that the rains had turned themselves off in the morning and apart from some slippery patches on the field it was an ideal day for Soccer.

Both teams failed to string enough passes together to make the match a spectacle for fans.

There were throw-ins galore and misdirected passes in abundance.

And while Mullen was the scoring hero for City goalkeeper Willie McNally was also the toast of the club rooms after the game.

With time running out he dived at the feet of Mark Jankovics to stop a certain goal which would have shared the points.

Earlier McNally had stopped a shot from Tommy McCulloch and when Jankovics was getting

set for a shot, referee Donald Campbell pulled him back for a free kick and booked City defender Phil Cole.

Shots from Vic Bozanic and Tony Henderson were also blocked.

Tom Sermanni, who looked good as a recent arrival in the country, also had a shot stopped first by McNally.

But its goals that count and that one from Mullen went in for the three points.

James did not have as much direct work to do as McNally although he did stop a Neil Banfield shot, then another from Maxwell.

Then it was Tony Henderson who cleared a header by City's Sergio Melta after some good work by Mullen and Les Carter.

So there was spasmodic action, but the fans applauded for the three points and not the entertainment provided.

Both coaches are obviously still building their teams, with City's Bobby Ferguson perhaps settled on his back four and goalkeeper, but still permutating the midfield and front runners.

Brian Northcote, the City midfield strongman, made his first appearance for the season after a groin injury but had to come off in the 71st minute.

The injury did not trouble him but he admitted he lacked match fitness.

Marconi took the field minus injured Youth Socceroo Rod Brown and while Atti Carbone and Mark Jankovics played "blinders" coach Doug Collins will obviously be glad when new imported striker Stephen Winn arrives this week to take the field against Olympic.

Referee Campbell booked Joe Rizzotto and Ricky Budini of Marconi and City's Cole.

OLYMPIC WERE TAUGHT A LESSON

By Tom Anderson

Sydney Olympic's impetuous young team was taught a valuable Soccer lesson by a gallant and honest Brisbane Lions at Pratten Park on Sunday.

Now after being held to a scoreless draw by the Queenslanders the Olympians must surely realise there is no substitute for self-discipline as well as team discipline on the field.

No matter how much time coach Tommy Docherty puts in on the training track with his players and no matter how long he talks to them, they're on their own when the whistle sounds to start the game.

And it's here where they fell apart, against this brilliantly organised Lions team, with a performance that cost Olympic two valuable home points.

But before going any further it must be pointed out that Lions coach Simon Kistemaker read the situation to perfection and his tactics were brilliant.

Lions smothered all Olympic's efforts to go down the middle and Olympic was too impatient and impetuous to breach the barrier.

All it needed was midfielders

Peter Raskopoulos or Peter Katholos to put a foot on the ball, cool it and open the game on the flanks.

But in their anxiety to get on with the game at a hundred miles an hour they failed in this and their team paid dearly for it.

Also the failure of top striker Marshall Soper to saddle up for the second half leaves little for the imagination.

The bold Marshall will need to learn and learn very quickly that to be a big star needs the ability to "die" for your team at all times.

If any outstanding players

are to be selected from this game then both goalkeepers - Gary Meier and Nigel Lownds must receive a special mention.

Both of them pulled out all the stops when required in the second half.

Also impressive were Lions midfielders Steve Hogg and Russell Stewart and Jim Patikas who tried hard without much help in midfield for Olympic.

After the game Olympic coach Tom Docherty said he was disappointed and rightly so.

"However you've got to hand it to Lions for their organisation they did well," declared The Doc.

Lions coach Kistemaker said he was proud of his team.

"The hard work is beginning to pay off and they played well today," was his comment.



Peter Raskopoulos makes a dash for Olympic but Steve Hogg (Lions) blocks his path.

VEST PRAISES TEENAGER

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest paid tribute to 18-year-old Brenton Hiern after he had close-marked Wollongong's international striker, Phil O'Connor, out of the match at Ziems Park.

By Phil Murphy

The game ended in a 1-1 draw after the Westad side looked likely to grab the three points through a fluke goal.

The main reason the visitors went home with a point was because young Hiern carried out Alan Vest's instructions to the letter.

"I told him to follow O'Connor everywhere, and the lad did this very well for a player with just four NSL games under his belt," Vest said.

Hiern did a great job on O'Connor and even when the Socceroo winger did manage to get the ball across, the tall Westad defence had little trouble

getting it clear.

With O'Connor's flair blunted, and Roy Cotton given little room, Wollongong had little to offer up front.

It was midfielder, Jeff Ainsworth who got the equaliser for Wollongong with just four minutes to play, his first since joining the club.

Ainsworth headed home on the far-post after Cotton beat two defenders on the right wing with some nice close ball-skills.

After a scoreless first half, West Adelaide went ahead with a very strange

goal in the 39th minute.

Grahame Heys sent the ball to Mike Brennan who completely miskicked an attempt at goal and as the ball headed towards the left corner flag, Steve Atsalas appeared and planted it into the home team's net.

The goal came minutes after Jim McBreen had missed a great chance to put Wollongong ahead.

McBreen sent the ball wide from a great position after Cotton did well to head down an O'Connor cross from the right wing.

For Westad, the elusive Heys had a big game but always appeared to lack support, and for Wollongong, Ray Vlietstra had another big game and the Wollongong side will probably keep the crowd coming back because of their late rally to save a point.

Both coaches, Wallace and Vest, claimed they should have won the match.

Wallace said: "My players had by far the better of the game and I felt there was a touch of off-side play in the Westad goal. We desperately needed a win to gain confidence that my players are presently lacking."

Vest said: "We played better, tactically and were worth the three points."

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Pollard, Fleming, Ainsworth, Kerr, McBreen (Waldron 62m), O'Connor, Cotton.

WESTAD: Sproul, McGregor, Amey, McGachey, Dunne, Brennan, Heys, Atsalas, Wormley, Honeyman (Brown 62m), Hiern.

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Round 6 — Saturday April 16

Melita Eagles v Bankstown Melita Stadium
Avala v Auburn Knight Park

Sunday April 17

Inter Monaro v Polonia Marco Polo Oval
Ku-Ring-Gai v S.S.C. Yugal Parklands Oval
Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Round 6 — Saturday April 16

Artarmon v Dee Why Artarmon Reserve
Revesby Workers v Fairy Meadow Jensen Oval
Warringah N'been v Penrith United N'been Fitness Camp

Sunday April 17

Blacktown United v Uni of NSW Francis Park
Parramatta City v North Bankstown Garside Park
Rockdale v Gladesville Ravens Hurstville Oval
Wollongong United v Belmore Berkeley Sports Ground

DIVISION 1

Round 7 — Saturday April 23

Polonia v Manly Warringah Chopin Park
Cant-M'ville Oly v Ku-Ring-Gai Arlington Oval

Sunday April 24

S.S.C Yugal v Inter Monaro Fraser Park
Croatia Sydney v Blacktown City King Tomislav Park
Sutherland Shire v Avala Seymour Shaw Park
Auburn v Melita Eagles Mona Park

New premier league club Warilla Wanderers could have something of a surprise package for other teams this season.

They have signed a player just out from Yugoslavia and he is reported to be a very classy winger. They haven't released his name yet, but he played in a trial against Transkembla and was very impressive.

Warilla, promoted this year, also have signed Vasco Daffkovski from Wollongong United, so could pick up a few Yugoslav supporters this season.

Secretary Joe Ramos reports all last season's players are staying with the club and the newcomers will give the side plenty of depth.

Warilla's home ground King Mickey Park is a big improvement on what it was a few years ago and well up to premier league requirements.

They are being backed financially by the Wollongong Spanish Club and Rovira Engineering so are looking forward to a top season.

Coach Joe Moreno has retained his job and claims the team is capable of winning the title first-up.

"We will again be playing attacking football because our players like to go forward and striker Barry Robinson should again be among the leading goalscorers," he said.

Balgownie first grade coach Dick Evans has been appointed the club's youth co-ordinator this season.

He will have 26 junior teams and the three senior sides to look after — arranging sessions with coaches and players right through the season.

It is a forward move by Balgownie as is the appointment of the experienced Terry Hurley as reserve grade coach.

Hurley had to retire as a player because of a recurring back injury and is keen to try his hand at coaching.

Former Wollongong City and New Zealand defender Bill De Graaf has signed with Fairy Meadow.

He was transferred from Ringwood in Melbourne for \$2,000 and will be a big asset to the South Coast side.

They have started the season in great style and his experience will be a boost to their defence.

Coach Mike Johnson had the problem of deciding who to leave out to put De Graaf into his team.

Youngsters Paul Jones and Moritzio Montecchi have been doing a fine job in the middle of the defence.

As Johnson says: "You don't win this competition with just 11 players." It is a long season and he wants to have a strong squad of 14 first grade players.

"This is a very hard league to win because the lower teams have a habit of causing upsets but we are very confident of success at Fairy Meadow," Johnson said.

ILLAWARRA NOTEBOOK

It was an unusual family situation recently when Wollongong United met Rockdale — four players were sent off and two of them were brothers.

Roberto and Paul Giraldi of United were shown the red card along with two Rockdale players when the game erupted towards the end.

To make matters worse for the previously unbeaten United they lost 2-1 and Steve Quirk missed a penalty.

Fortunately for United coach Larry Ashbolt, he has a lot of depth in his side this season and will be able to cover suspensions and injuries quite well.

The Umbro Shield for second division clubs didn't get too much exposure but it went over well on the NSW South Coast.

In preliminary games played in Wollongong the gate takings were \$1,700 after expenses were deducted.

It doesn't sound that much but the figure at the Blacktown venue was \$193 for the same number of games.

Somehow in one series of games the result was a loss of \$39 — while last season Blacktown made \$50 profit and a thief went off with the money while a game was being played!

Robert Banks is ready to go through yet another district season with Bellambi.

Now 38, Banks has been a great club man with Bellambi and despite some serious injuries has continued to turn out year after year.

He is one of the few players in Illawarra to have stuck with the one club right through his playing career.

When he could have gone elsewhere and picked up match payments with no trouble, he decided to stick with his old club.

Your articles on the future of the NSL are interesting and constructive even if your reporters do not agree on the right way to plan for 1984. At least it is healthy for this very important subject to be given an airing in the top soccer paper.

I hope the administrators explore the subject with equally similar intelligence.

P. McCarthy,
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SUTHERLAND STILL CLEAR

By Andrew Paschalidis

Goals in the first and last minutes enabled Sutherland to remain at the top of the table with a 2-0 win against Manly.

In the first minute of the game a sweeping run on the right side of the field and subsequent cross by Dal Forno was powerfully headed into goal by Clinch.

Sutherland maintained their attacking moves but were held out by a determined Manly defence. Manly regained latitude and a close range shot from Noble was well saved by Haynes. Both goalkeepers had a busy afternoon.

The second half was evenly contested with Andy Scott prominent for Manly.

The issue was put beyond doubt after a massive clearance from Haynes found Webber free on the left flank and he drew the keeper and slipped the ball into the back of the net.

Manly were well served by Scott, Knoble, Doyle and Ellis in goal.

Sutherland's best were Clinch up front and the defensive pairing of Dal Forno and Sharfegger.

SUTHERLAND: M. Haynes, B. Cashman, S. Meades, A. Sharfegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, M. Harrington, J. Webber, N. Groome, C. Rogers, (G. Knowles 82), S. Clinch.

MANLY: S. Ellis, B. Doyle, R. Geoghan, K. Falconer, G. Noble, R. Jones, R. Shirman, G. Van Helden, A. Scott, R. Stuart (T. Smith 79), P. Falconer.

Goals: Sutherland (Clinch 1, Webber 89).

BANKSTOWN opened their account with a convincing 3-1 victory over Canterbury at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury hit the lead early when a cross from Vasikiou was deflected into the net by Rootsey.

After his goal, the game was fought between the midfield combinations of both sides. Minutes before half-time Brown was unlucky not to level the scores when his shot was well saved by El Zien.

Seconds before the break a strong Hantzis header was brilliantly pushed around the post by Giffin.

Early in the second half shots from Brown and Bourke were saved by El Zien. Moments later a fine through ball from Bonos found Vasikiou free, but his attempt was just wide.

In the 67th minute Bankstown levelled. A defensive mixup found Bourke free and his shot was saved but the rebound was hammered home by Campanella.

In the 75th minute a fine through ball from Brown found Campanella free and he tucked the ball into the back of the net.

Rootsey sealed the iss-

ue when he converted a penalty after York was brought down inside the box.

Canterbury were well served by Anagnostopoulos and Binos in defence. Vasikiou tried valiantly up front.

It was a fine team effort from Bankstown. The defence was very solid and the forward line of Bourke, Brown and Campanella was always dangerous.

CANT-M'VILLE: A. El Zein, T. Antonopoulos, G. Laws, J. Binos, T. Anagnostopoulos, Z. Micokovic, W. Vasiliou, S. Hantzis (J. Basterfield 72), N. Theodorakopoulos, C. Thamidis (L. Georgiou 81), P. Demetrio.

BANKSTOWN: S. Griffin, C. Rootsey, R. Agostino, A. Beck, C. O'Neill, K. York, S. Blackburn, G. King (G. Hatton 45), A. Bourke, W. Brown, R. Campanella.

Goals: Bankstown (Campanella 67, 75, Rootsey 80, OG).

BLACKTOWN recorded an impressive 3-1 victory over a determined Auburn at Mona Park.

Auburn almost scored early in the match but were prevented after Freeman pulled off a spectacular save. Blacktown took control of the half and were repayed with two goals.

A clearance from Kilkelly was deflected off McLachlan's back, he turned on the ball and slotted it home. Minutes before the break Brogan made it 2-0 after he headed a rebound off the crossbar from a powerful Kirwan shot.

The second half saw a more determined fight-back from Auburn. A cross from Carney eluded the despairing dives of Townson and Allen.

Walker put the issue beyond doubt after he latched onto a loose ball inside the area and cracked it home.

Quigley in midfield, McDonald in defence, who was constantly dangerous with his overlapping runs and Townson, on loan from Sydney Olympic, stood out for Auburn.

The defensive combination of Pointer and Turnbull proved to be unbeatable. Stoddart controlled the midfield and Walker was always a threat up front.

BLACKTOWN: P. Freeman, R. Wheatley, T. Rasmussen, W. Turnbull, P. Brogan, C. Pointer, S. Selva (M. Quarmby 72), J. Stoddart, B. Walker, M. McLachlan, P. Kirwan.

AUBURN: D. Bowman, C. Quigley, T. Kilkelly, J. Planinic, C. Progomelja, M. Dale, L. Lunt, C. Townson, J. McDonald, R. Carney, R. Allen (J. McCranor 73).

GOALS: Blacktown (McLachlan 37, Brogan 44, Walker 73).

Melita scored their best win of the season against a strong Avala 1-0 at Melita Stadium.

It was action right from the start. Early in the game Jamieson combined with Farrugia only to see the latter's shot sail over the bar. Moments later a delicate scissor kick from Burrows flew over the bar. The remainder of the half was highlighted by constant attacks on goal from both sides.

Early into the second half Melita hit the lead after a brilliant combination of passing from the forward line saw McKie hit the ball into the back of the net.

Avala didn't give in and were always dangerous in the search of the equaliser but were held back by the rock solid Melita defence. A free kick outside the penalty area from Muniz just cleared the bar.

Muniz, Burrows and Milne were prominent for Avala.

Jamieson, Farrugia and Duarte stood out for Melita.

MELITA: A. McPherson, R. McPherson, M. Cross, P. Daley, R. McGinn, H. Martinez, D. Duarte, A. Jamieson (Ankudinoff 80), D. Allan, R. Farrugia, J. McKie.

AVALA: P. Ahrens, J. Lembyk, S. Deller, M. Barton, Patterson, G. Milne, H. Hosseni (Anderson 62m), P. Burrows, A. Muniz, Fernandez (R. Yousuph 83), B. Karanfiloski.

Goals: Melita (McKie 50).

CROATIA celebrated Croatian National Day with a 1-0 victory against a talented Monaro before a crowd of 2,500.

The game was played hard with six yellow cards issued. The strong Monaro defence held out the constant attacking raids from Croatia.

Croatia hit the lead in the 81st minute after Carrizzo crossed from the right side and Kovacic met the ball with a powerful header.

Minutes before Monaro had an opportunity to hit the lead but Vieri's open shot at goal was wide.

With minutes remaining a shot from Arnold and a header from Savor were both cleared off the line.

Woods, Arnold and Car-



Robert Campanell, who starred in last weekends game for Bankstown against Cant-M'ville with two fine goals.

rizzo were Croatia's best players.

The Monaro defence was outstanding. Arquero was a constant menace up front.

CROATIA: S. Watson, B. Woods, D. Tomasic, M. Kovacic, B. Vidaic, D. Rezo, W. Savor, L. Sterrey, P. Hensman (M. Holloway 60), G. Arnold, R. Carrizzo.

INTER-MONARO: G. Curcic, C. Lieth, A. Charles, J. Santolin, M. Francis, B. Godzik, A. Monterosso, B. Willcox, R. Popovic (R. Vieri), A. Reis, J. Arquero.

Goals: Croatia (Kovacic 81).

POLONIA and Ku-Ring-Gai shared the points at Chopin Park in a 1-1 all draw.

The first half produced delightful Soccer from both sides. Both goalkeepers weren't under any real threat due to the strong defensive play.

Polonia struck the first blow when Giikei volleyed a cross from the right flank. Five minutes later Berry levelled the scores after he leapt up and headed the ball into goal from a free kick.

Both sides pushed for the winner with prompt counter attacks being constantly used.

Grossas played safely in defence and Kowalczyk and Smith in attack all had great games for Polonia.

Antman provided a brilliant display of goalkeeping for Ku-Ring-Gai. Eaton was always dangerous and Leak had a fine game before he was substituted.

POLONIA: I. Barker, I. Garlowski, R. Geekie, A. Galas, M. Czelisk, C. Ortega, J. Terre (D. Thomas 75), A. Crossas, Z. Garlowski, H. Kowalczyk, K. Smith.

KU-RING-GAI: P. Antman, D. Kevern, D. Hammond, T. Jesse, A. Robertson, M. Berry, T. Bertram, A. Brockbank, S. Regan, C. Eaton, S. Leak.

GOALS: Polonia (R. Geekie 46), Ku-Ring-Gai (M. Berry 51).

MARCONI SIGNS JAMES

Bruce James, an Australian representative, has been signed up by Marconi on loan for the rest of the season.

Footscray were also interested in James.

Marconi find themselves in the position of having two top class goalkeepers.

David Lee's super squad is already proving its worth with the Blacktown Soccer club.

Russell Gendle came on as a replacement for the third grade side.

Only 14, a big future is tipped for him in Soccer, as well as in athletics (he was runner-up in the State championships in the javelin event).

Not to be outdone the third grade reserve goalkeeper, Paul Hayward, is 13 years-old, also from the super squad.



NSW State League side Croatia leave for Indonesia on Saturday to participate in an invitational tournament.

The tournament marks the celebration of the Independence of Indonesia. Croatia will be playing two or possibly three games over six days.



DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Lane Cove Utd	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
Bathurst 75	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Bondi Marine	2	1	0	1	8	3	2
L'pool Albion	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Queens Pk ES	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Mt Druitt Twn	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Nth Ryde	2	1	0	1	4	7	2
CSI	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Baulkham Hills	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Gladesville Hby	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Kingsford	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
C'town City	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Mt Druitt Twn	2	1	0	1	6	2	2
Bondi Marine	2	1	0	1	6	3	2
Gladesville Hby	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Queens Pk ES	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
L'pool Albion	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
CSI	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
Lane Cove	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Kingsford	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
Bathurst 75	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Nth Ryde	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	5	4	1	0	9	2	9
Blacktown	5	4	0	1	14	4	8
Croatia	4	3	1	0	8	1	7
Melita	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Polonia	5	1	3	1	9	8	5
Manly	5	2	1	2	8	10	5
Inter-Monaro	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Bankstown	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Yugal	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Cant-M'ville	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
Avala	5	0	3	2	3	9	3
Auburn	4	0	0	4	3	13	0

*Denotes game in hand

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	5	4	1	0	20	8	9
Blacktown	5	4	1	0	15	5	9
Sutherland	5	4	0	1	9	2	8
Bankstown	4	3	1	0	11	4	7
Croatia	4	3	1	0	10	7	7
Cant-M'ville	5	2	1	2	11	9	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Manly	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
Auburn	4	1	0	3	6	10	2
Avala	5	1	0	4	9	14	2
Polonia	5	1	0	4	5	10	2
Yugal	4	1	0	3	2	13	2
Inter-Monaro	5	0	0	5	4	17	0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	5	4	1	0	14	2	9
Sutherland	4	4	0	0	10	2	7
Polonia	5	3	1	1	7	7	7
Melita	5	3	0	2	6	6	6
Croatia	3	2	1	0	13	2	5
Manly	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
Auburn	3	2	0	1	8	9	4
Blacktown	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Bankstown	4	1	0	3	8	10	2
Avala	4	1	0	3	5	8	2
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	1	0	3	3	9	2
Yugal	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	5	4	1	0	11	5	9
Gladesville	4	4	0	0	11	4	8
W'gong Utd	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Dee Why	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Rev Workers	4	2	2	0	11	5	6
Warr-N'been	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Rockdale	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Penrith Utd	5	1	3	1	3	2	5
Artarmon	5	2	0	3	9	9	4
Bl'town Utd	4	1	0	3	4	5	2
Nth B'town	4	1	0	3	3	7	2
Parra City	5	0	1	4	3	11	1
Belmore	4	0	1	3	1	11	1
Uni of NSW	4	0	0	4	1	9	0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	5	4	0	1	17	8	8
Fairy Meadow	5	3	2	0	14	6	8
Gladesville	4	2	2	0	9	3	6
Penrith	5	3	0	2	9	5	6
Parra City	5	2	2	1	8	8	4
Rockdale	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Rev Workers	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
Warr-N'been	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Nth B'town	4	1	2	1	5	7	4
Belmore	5	1	1	3	9	13	3
Artarmon	5	1	1	3	8	15	3
Dee Why	5	1	1	3	2	9	3
Uni of NSW	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Bl'town Utd	4	1	0	3	3	7	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith Utd	5	4	1	0	21	7	9
Fairy Meadow	5	4	0	1	22	9	8
Dee Why	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Rockdale	4	3	1	0	6	3	7
Warr-N'been	4	2	1	1	12	7	5
Nth B'town	4	2	0	2	8	4	4
W'gong Utd	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Parra City	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Artarmon	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
Gladesville	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
Bl'town Utd	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
Belmore	5	1	0	4	9	9	2
Uni of NSW	4	0	2	2	2	7	2
Rev Workers	5	1	0	4	3	17	2

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst 75	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Nth Ryde	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
C'town City	2	1	0	5	3	3	3
Lane Cove Utd	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Queens Pk ES	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Kingsford	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Mt Druitt Twn	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Gladesville Hby*	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Bondi Marine	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
L'pool Albion	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Ba'kham Hills	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
CSI	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

WEEKEND RESULTS

1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Cant.-M'ville v Bankstown	1-3	3-3	3-0
Polonia v Ku-Ring-Gai	1-1	0-1	1-0
Croatia Sydney v Inter-Monaro	1-0	4-3	—
S'erland Shire v Manly W'ingah	2-0	2-0	1-0
Auburn v Blacktown City	0-3	0-3	1-0
Melita Eagles v Avala	1-0	4-3	2-1

2ND DIVISION

Gl'sville Ravens v W'ingah N'Been	1-0	0-0	2-2
Dee Why v Uni of NSW	2-1	0-1	1-0
Blacktown Utd v Revesby W'kers	1-2	2-1	1-0
Parramatta City v Fairy Meadow	2-3	2-2	0-4
Penrith United v Artarmon	0-1	3-0	7-2
Belmore v Rockdale	1-1	1-4	2-4
North B'kstown v W'gong Utd	0-1	1-4	2-1

3RD DIVISION

Bondi Marine v North Ryde	1-2	7-1	5-1
Lane Cove Utd v Kingsford	1-2	5-0	1-1
Queens Pk E/S v Baulkham Hills	2-1	5-1	0-4
Mt Druitt Town v C'belltown City	1-3	1-3	0-2
Bathurst '75 v C.S.I.	3-1	2-2	2-4
Gl'sville Hby v Liverpool Albion	2-2	0-4	2-0

INTER URBAN — 1ST DIVISION

	I	II
Eastern Creek v Nineveh Eagles	1-2	3-4
Concordia v Fairfield Kiev	0-0	3-3
Hurstville-Zagreb v Maroubra Utd	0-1	1-1
Spanish Club v Sydney Uni	2-2	1-0
Wenty Waratahs v Port Hacking	1-4	0-2
Fairfield West v King Tomislav	5-2	1-3

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Chile Sports v Chelsea	0-0	0-2
Sydney Maccabi v West Utd	3-0	2-0
Moorebank v Trasandinos Sports	1-2	2-1
Padstow Park v C'belltown Gunns	1-1	2-2
Pagewood v Eastwood S.A.	1-1	1-1

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

Hawkesbury Dist. v Smithfield Hotspurs	3-5	2-4
Blacktown Wands. v Macquarie Uni	3-0	1-5
Green Valley Utd v Revesby Rovers	4-2	3-1
Robins v Liverpool City	2-2	0-2
Ryde District v Macarthur Utd	3-0	7-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

Roseberry v Liverpool Rangers	3-1	6-0
Chullora v Lithgow Workers	1-1	7-1
Sth Sydney Bunn. v Dulwich Hill	2-1	3-4
Hellas Poseidon v Murray Farm Rgs.	5-0	0-0
Nepean Rovers v Blacktown Workers	3-2	1-1
Rangers Hajduk v Colo Colo	3-1	4-0

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION

Santiago Wands. v St Marys RSL	2-0	2-5
Argentinian L/U v Welcome Sports	0-1	1-4
San Souci v Concord Juniors	0-4	0-2
Lansvale Utd v Liverpool Utd	3-3	2-1

TOUGH TASK

By Myles Hay

Former Victorian referee Mr A Warrior knew he had a real clash on his hands when he ordered three players from the field in a spiteful match between Lake Macquarie and Maitland at Speers Point.

Lakes won decisively 3-0 after Greg Baldwin had dispatched a hotly disputed penalty kick in the first half.

Lee Sellers just transferred from Lakes to Maitland was the first player to receive his marching orders just before half

time for persistent misconduct.

In the second half Brett Cowburn (Maitland) and Bret Gilbert (Lakes) were also dismissed.

Intense rivalry has existed between these clubs for the past few seasons resulting in some torrid unsporting battles being waged.

With a revamped side Hamilton Red Star made hard work of their 1-0 win over Tamworth City at Mayfield Park.

Red Star with much greater territorial advan-

tage in the opening half could only show one goal from Tveski for their efforts.

In the second half Tamworth settled down and might have secured a draw when a shot from John McCormack found the net but the midfielder's attempt was from an indirect freekick and was disallowed.

Craig Hearfield and Michael Ross stood out for Tamworth in their unsuccessful second half bid for equality.

Weston were in top scoring form to defeat Highfield Azzurri 4-2 with Graham Taylor notching two goals.

West Wallsend lost their experienced schemer Adam Durkot, ordered off in the first half against Belmont Swansea, but still managed to gain a convincing 1-0 win at Blacksmith's where Brett Baldwin scored the important goal before a large crowd.

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Marian Czelisk suffered a setback before last weekend's game when news of his father's death in Bialystok, Poland, was relayed to him.

The Polonia club and Soccer followers express their deepest regrets to Marian and his family.

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HASSLES, HAGGLES AS NEW Queensland LEAGUE STARTS

With Queensland's new Premier League now well underway, most clubs have finalised their squads but it took the results of several transfer appeals before a few clubs pulled out their cheque books.

Five players, Ken Gordon, Craig Low, Andy Ogden, Dave Gallagher and John Stewart actually played the first round on loan pending the outcome of their appeals but four have since been signed.

The exception is John Stewart, now in the Lions National League team after playing one game in the club's premier league side.

Stewart's appeal against the \$10,000 transfer fee imposed by Mount Gravatt has been held over until this week to allow Mount Gravatt to produce documented evidence in relation to claims about moneys paid to the striker.

Gordon, a former Rothmans Medal winner, appealed against his transfer fee of \$2000 but the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee refused to cut the price tag.

That surprised Gordon's new club Ipswich who were hoping for at least some reduction but as it turned out when they went back to Thistle they finally got the striker for \$1750 — ironically fractionally above what negotiations first began at.

But Gordon is fast paying that back and he scored two goals in each of Ipswich's first two matches — both victories.

Brisbane Olympic played Andy Ogden and Craig Low on loan in the first

By Greg Russell

round and the two former Lions players both scored.

Lions listed Low at \$5000 and Ogden at \$2000 but Olympic wanted both in a package deal for about \$4000.

The management committee halved Ogden's fee and listed Low at \$4000.

Olympic eventually bought at \$1000 and \$3750.

The pair played for Olympic in the next Premier League match, which was against Lions, but managed to stay out of much of the "action" which resulted in two players sent-off and several others booked.

Olympic won through an early goal from Tom McGregor — a former Lions player.

Grange Thistle were fairly desperate for a good goalkeeper and probably would have bought Dave Gallagher from Mitchellton at any price.

The Mustangs listed him at \$2000 and were shocked when the management committee cut the fee for the 21-year-old keeper to \$1250.

At that price Grange couldn't act quick enough.

If the first two rounds were any indication it appears the Premier League will be a repeat of the early days of the State League with Thistle, Mount Gravatt, Easts, Ipswich and now Olympic instead of St George fighting for the top four positions.

The five all won their first two matches and

opened up a break on the seven other sides, which, with the exception of Sunnyside, had picked up no more than a point.

Mount Gravatt, after two rounds, held a slight lead on goal difference thanks to their first round 6-1 thrashing of Taringa, but Olympic's first points, considering their opposition, was a little more impressive.

In that regard the clash between Olympic and Mount Gravatt at Godwon Park this weekend should be the match of the round. Other games this weekend include Valley Trident v Sunnyside; Acacia Ridge v Grange Thistle; Taringa v Brisbane City; North Stars v Easts and Lions v Ipswich.

★★★★★

Brisbane Lions have signed another overseas player as the club attempts to get more experience into its side and climb away from the bottom of the table.

The new signing is Scotsman Jim McDonagh. He is reported to be an attacking midfielder or striker who has been playing in the Airdrie first team and, according to Lions officials, scoring goals.

Lions had to pay almost \$5500 for McDonagh, who was expected to arrive in Australia last weekend.

The club is hoping he can slot into the National League team midfield and provide the experience Lions have been lacking in that area of the park.

Nick's bad break

Brisbane Olympic fullback Nick Giovanis is unlikely to play again after he broke his kneecap in the Premier League match against Lions.

Giovanis, 30, an Olympic first team regular for the past five years, broke the cap in a clash with Lions striker Clarke Anderson.

Both players went for a high ball and their legs crashed together.

Giovanis had to have a pin inserted in the kneecap and doctors told him to forget about returning to the playing field.

Giovanis did not start playing competitive football until about 23 years of age but was recognised as a reliable if unorthodox fullback.

His injury was one of the two serious leg breaks on the same weekend.

Grange Thistle reserve team striker Joe Andrade 23, broke his leg in a match against Sunnyside.

Andrade fell in a tackle and not only broke the bone in two places but also dislocated his ankle.

But the injuries bought to the fore the benefit of the QSF's compulsory comprehensive insurance scheme — which cost clubs \$1000 a team this season.

— Greg Russell.



QSF President Ian Brusasco, State Transport Minister, Don Lane and Brisbane City officials seen toasting the opening of the 4BC Beer Garden at Spencer Park. The radio station has been increasing its soccer coverage substantially in the last two seasons, through soccer reporter, Steve Hill who will also be hosting a tour to Mexico to support the Young Socceroos in June.

S.A. STATE LEAGUE

The SA State League First Division blasts off on Saturday with two potential national regional competition teams clashing.

By Tom McKain

Campbelltown, who came good too late in the Ampol series, visit Elizabeth who, along with West Birkalla and Port Adelaide, were not in the Ampol.

Birkalla are at home to Para Hills, who were expected to star in the night competition, but emerged one of the flops after an opening draw with the West NSL side.

Port are at home to Beograd, another Ampol failure but looking good on paper.

Unless their trial form has been outstanding

and workout games competitive, the teams kicking off without a benefit of runs in the Ampol Cup are expected to drag their feet in the opening round.

The First Division clubs rejected a plan to play for three points for a win, the format being used by the NSL following the success of the system in England.

One reason given for the rejection was that prizemoney at the end of the season is based on points gained and some clubs felt they would be too far behind, as far as victories went, to gain a share of the cash.

SCHEINFLUG SABOTAGED!

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have to put up with this rubbish.

"Some coaches, controlling top teams in the NSL, lean over backwards to help me.

"Yet other coaches are only concerned about their clubs — nothing else.

"It is a similar situation to the English clubs who have put England's national team so far down the world ladder.

"In Mexico we are going to be hit by the biggest and best in the world. Please give Australia a chance."

I fully sympathise with the national boss.

Why couldn't the Australian Soccer Federation immediately intervene and bar half-fit players from appearing for their clubs until their injuries have cleared up?

NOW is the time for such intervention, not in June.

CROATIA WINS CUP IN TASMANIA

By "Van Diemen"

Croatia-Glenorchy has won its second successive "Michael The Tailor" Summer Cup by beating Olympia 4-2 in Hobart last week.

Phoenix won the Rothmans League section final when it defeated Kingborough 3-0.

Croatia and Olympia reached the final after hard struggles in the semi-finals, both games going to extra-time and, in Croatia's case, to penalties.

Croatia beat Juventus-Pioneer 10-9 on penalties after the score was locked at 2-2 at the end of extra-time, and Olympia beat Metro-Claremont 2-1 extra-time.

The final produced little in terms of good Soccer and Olympia made things easy for Croatia by giving away three easy goals because of disastrous defensive errors.

In the earlier rounds, Croatia had already beaten Olympia 2-1 because of tragic defensive mistakes by the Greek side and the final saw a repeat performance. Olympia's coach, Brian MacKay, put himself on as early as the 15th minute to try and put his team back on course as they were already 2-1 down.

This move had little effect, however, and Croatia increased its lead to 3-1 just before half-time and to 4-1 after an hour.

It was only in the last 20 minutes that Olympia came to life but by then it was a case of too little too late.

A penalty for Olympia made the score 4-2 but that's as close as they got against a Croatia side that punished every mistake.

DETAILS: Croatia 4 (Thomas 2, Cahut, Oakes) beat Olympia 2 (P. Sherman 2), Phoenix 3 (Robinson 2, Hales) beat Kingborough 0.

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THEY'RE BLUE ABOUT THIS FORM!

By Steve Burns

The NSW Soccer Federation's blue-form player registration system was bitterly condemned by long-serving chairman of the ACT Football League, Mr Jerry Martens.

"It is self-destructive and has caused many players to have their careers ruined," Mr Martens said.

Mr Martens said that the trouble was the blue form was much more than what players — particularly young players — realised.

"It is called a player registration form and I know that many sign simply believing it to be that — a registration form," Mr Martens said.

"They do not realise, and unfortunately all too often are never told, that it is in fact a contract with that club that is accepted by the NSW Soccer Federation.

"The Federation does not insist upon seeing the actual contract before it accepts a player as a contract player with any club.

"If a player signs the blue form, that's exactly what he is — a contract player for clubs to do what they like with."

Mr Martens said it was a ludicrous and unjust situation.

"And I am not speaking from just a casual, brief acquaintance with this system," Mr Martens said.

Mr Martens has been chairman of the ACT Football League for the

past seven years and claimed that many times he had received complaints from players coming to Canberra who never believed they were contract players with NSW clubs.

"When it is pointed out that they had signed the blue-form and are in fact contract players they are usually very, very angry," Mr Martens said.

"I want to stress that I know clubs are not doing anything wrong in using the blue-form — at least, that is, as far as the letter of the law is concerned. But surely the spirit and real intent of the law is another matter."

"A young kid shouldn't ever be held ransom for signing the blue form. And I know some will glibly reply that they

should have read the form more thoroughly.

"We all know they don't."

"By signing they shouldn't then be used for clubs to ask exorbitant fees — fees that often end a player's career when other clubs refuse to meet those fees.

"No Federation should endorse a player as a contract player until it has sighted the contract.

Mr Martens said no-one objected to clubs who had nurtured and developed a youngster getting a just return for such a player on the transfer market.

Mr Martens said the only answer was for Australian Soccer to have a uniform registration system.

"This is something only the ASF can achieve," he said.

AUSTRALIA'S YOUNG CHAMPIONS

Jim Patikas ... Tommy McCulloch ... David Lowe ... Tony Dakos ... Rod Brown ... Ray Vlietstra ... these are just a few of the magic names in Australian Soccer at the moment.

And what's more these are the names that will grab the headlines in the months ahead and in years to come in the game here.

As probably every ASW reader will know, these are all members of the Young Socceroo squad bound for Mexico and the World Youth Cup Finals in a few weeks time.

This is without doubt the team that has captured the imagination of the Australian sporting public — everyone and not just dyed in the wool Soccer supporters.

Our Young Socceroos are hot property and rightly so.

And it's because of this that it really amazed me to read a comment in the column "From the Pressbox" two weeks ago

I challenge this coach to stand up and be counted, to come out and declare himself.

High praise

Here again is the perfect example of one of the many things that's wrong with the game in this country.

Let's face it, this Young Socceroo team has performed wonders and against all the odds has qualified for the WYC Finals in Mexico.

Probably more than anyone else, I have written about the deeds of this team and featured the fine players that play in it.

I take pride in this and I will continue to do so at every available opportunity.

The public at large want to read and learn about these young heroes and as far as I'm concerned they shall.

For this coach to come out and declare that the Young Socceroos are not world class at Youth level

By Tom Anderson



Australia's Youth coach, Les Scheinflug, flanked on the left by Sydney Olympic's Tony Dakos (defender) and Jimmy Patikas, also from Olympic. Patikas is Australia's ace-attacking midfielder.



Australia's 1983 World Youth Squad. These are the lads that will carry Australia's green and gold colours into the giant Mexican Azteca Stadium.

I would rather accept Menotti's rating than that of a coach who probably has spent the past year or so here in Sydney and a coach who hasn't the backbone to put his name to a statement.

Faceless

For a number of years now, some coaches in Australian football have been trying to breed a race of introverted players.

How many times have you, for instance, gone to a game and come away from it wondering who was the faceless performer behind the number?

Then there is that ever-

lasting cry that comes from the clubs and administrators about the press not promoting players into personalities.

The truth of the matter is there are clubs and coaches who only want to read their own names spread across the sports pages.

And, as soon as the players take over — they don't like it one little bit.

In his column the Editor was perfectly correct when he stated that the media can't win in this situation.

Well, here's one press man who intends to continue to feature our brilliant young stars or indeed any other fine young players who deserves a



Australia's Youth Team captain, Tommy McCulloch, on the ball. McCulloch is from the Marconi club where he plays in the midfield, but for Australia, Tommy fills in the sweeper's role from where he controls all attacks and defence.



Left-back, Joe Rizzotto, from the Marconi club. Joe a great defender and a magnificent passer of the ball. With a twist of his ankle, Joe can turn defence into attack knocking great balls up front.

write-up.

The Young Socceroo team has brought pride and credibility to Australian sport by qualifying for Mexico.

Both on and off the field these kids have behaved in a manner that

can only be described as magnificent.

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Left midfielder, Fabio Incantalupo. "Fab" is from the Victorian State League club, Juventus. He together with Patikas also represented Australia in the W.Y.C. in 1981. These two are easily the most experienced squad members.

where a Sydney NSL coach attempted to discredit the performance and ability of this fine young team.

This fellow told the Editor that these talented and highly-rated youngsters "are getting too much publicity" and were grabbing too many headlines.

This individual moaned that certain press men were making these players into superstars and that they didn't deserve this praise as they were not rated at world level in the Youth division.

What really angered me and I'm sure many other fair-minded people was that this coach asked the Editor not to name him.

is complete balderdash.

Has he watched them play in top world company in far away places such as Mexico or Costa Rica? I think not.

Someone who has, however, is 1978 World Cup-winning coach Cesar Luis Menotti the ex-Argentinean national coach now with Barcelona.

And Menotti declared to me — in front of many witnesses — that in his opinion the Young Socceroos are in the top five of Youth teams in the world.

This comes from a man who has seen most of the world's top youths in action throughout the world in the past two years.

ASW'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

ALLAN MAHER

Allan Maher seems to be the forgotten man of international soccer — and he's not at all happy about that.

The tall, thin, Marconi goalkeeper, nicknamed "spider" for fairly obvious reasons, wants to play for Australia again, even though he is starting to wonder if he will ever get a recall.

Maher, who has played 39 times for Australia, and who was in the national squad for World Cup matches in 1974, 1977 and 1981, was made one of the scapegoats for the elimination of Rudi Gutendorf's Socceroos from the 1982 World Cup.

Yet Maher was NOT in Australia's goal for the one match which really shattered all Cup hopes... the 2-0 defeat by New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

On that miserably momentous occasion, Australia's goal was guarded by Greg Woodhouse. The unfortunate Woodhouse was pilloried for his contribution to Australia's defeat. Yet Greg Woodhouse has been forgiven. He is back in favour and in the national squad. Maher has been treated less kindly.

It could be that "Spider's" age is against him. He has been around a long time, ever since he started out as an amateur in Western Suburbs' reserve team in 1966. Maher is now 32 — the ideal age for a goalkeeper.

Since his first tentative steps at Wests, he has played with great distinction for Granville, Sutherland Shire, Marconi,

By David Jack

NSW and, of course, Australia.

Maher claims — and who would disagree? — that goalkeepers, unlike field players, get better with age and experience. He has no hesitation in stating that he is now playing as well as he has ever played.

He told me: "In Australia, we seem to do everything differently from other countries. England's outstanding goalkeepers, Shilton, Clemence, and Corrigan, are all well into their 30's. And who was the best goalie in the World Cup last year? Dino Zoff, a sprightly 40 year-old, who earned rave reviews with the Cup winners, Italy."

"In Australian soccer, some people seem to think you're getting old once you pass the 25 years mark. They imagine youthful enthusiasm is all-important. On the contrary, enthusiasm gets a young goalkeeper nowhere: in fact, it can get him into strife. Experience is what really counts."

"When I was interviewed on television recently, I may have given some viewers an incorrect impression about my international future. I DID NOT say I was no longer interested in playing for Australia. The point I was trying to get over was that I was not holding my breath waiting to be picked for the Socceroos. In other

THE SPIDER IS KEEN TO PLAY AGAIN



ALLAN MAHER IN ACTION

words, I did not expect to be called into the training camp. However, if the call comes, I will be delighted to answer it.

"I cannot say I fear the challenge from other goalkeepers in the National Soccer League. The all-round standard is nothing special. I am pleased that Greg Woodhouse is back in favour because, right now, he is probably the goalie with the best potential. Terry Greedy also has considerable potential but he has been rushed into the squad prematurely. He was selected for Australia after only three games in the NSL. Has any goalkeeper ever had such promotion? They are taking a big risk with this boy. If he plays against England in the first tour match, it will be a testing time for him — particularly after the two defeats from New Zealand. It is not the ideal atmosphere for blooding new talent."

Allan Maher would lap up the challenge of the English invasion and would certainly not have

any worries on the score of nerves. He has seen it all before. It is nothing new to the "spider."

But even if he never again gets the opportunity to play for his country, Maher will remain one of the outstanding characters of Australian soccer.

In the coaching field, he is doing fine work, conducting advanced coaching courses for youngsters who have above-average ability. These courses are held every week at Penrith, the Hills area and Parramatta. He has built up a clientele of some 70 young players and shares the coaching chores with his former World Cup team-mate Doug Utjesenovic.

When he is not playing or coaching, Maher runs a thriving sporting goods business at Merrylands Mall. It is called "Unisport."

Yes, Allan Maher is a busy chap. But he'd like to be even busier... guarding Australia's goal in three international matches against England in June.

AUSTRALIA FOR 1988 OLYMPICS!

By Steve Burns

Australia is to field a team in an Olympic Games — probably in 1988, the ASF's new commercial director, Mr Peter Sheean, revealed in Canberra last week.

Mr Sheean said Olympic officials had said that there was no earthly reason why Australia could not field a Soccer team.

"I was amazed that a sport that has had its 100th birthday in Australia had entered only one Olympic competition," Mr Sheean said.

"We won't be at the Olympic Games in 1984 — but we are aiming for 1988"

Mr Sheean added he had no hesitation in claiming that if Australia made even the quarter finals of the World Youth Cup in Mexico in June it was the greatest sporting achievement by an Australian team for the past 20 years.

"You look at the number of countries who compete against us in other competitions — like Rugby League, Rugby

Union, or Cricket for example and then look at the number who competed in the World Youth Cup: just getting to the finals is a magnificent achievement."

"At the finals you can measure the audience in billions."

Sheean also maintained that Soccer in Australia, despite its 100-year-history, was still not giving the Australian sporting public what it wants.

"By that I mean it still stands aside from things Australians accept as a matter of course — like grand finals," Mr Sheean said.

"It's just not good enough saying that because it doesn't happen in Europe or other countries it shouldn't happen here."

"We know in Sydney in

recent rounds that Rugby League crowds have averaged 5,000 or a little better when Soccer has averaged 3,460 nationally."

"That's 65 per cent of League's attendances — yet compare their media coverage with ours."

"I believe by going about marketing the product more professionally and with more planning we can succeed in boosting Soccer's image in Australia."

Mr Sheean then stressed that whatever happened with the reconstruction of Soccer here there would still be a national competition — even if it was divided in regions.

"But only about four people know the plans at this stage — so ignore all the speculation."

"No one has yet got it right," Sheean said.



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ALLAN MAHER

AUST CHIT-CHAT

West Adelaide, after too many years in the doldrums, are challenging for the 1983 NSL premiership — but they're copping plenty of criticism for defensive tactics.

When St George played Westad at Hindmarsh, Saints coach Frank Arok said the South Australians lined up with two full-backs, two centre-backs and a sweeper.

Arok, however, refused to blame West Adelaide coach Alan Vest for

Saints' 1-0 defeat.

"We had twice as many goalscoring chances as our opponents but didn't put the ball in the net. That's our fault entirely," said Arok.

After their miserable 0-0 Wembley result against Greece, England cannot afford to flop in their three matches in Australia in June.

England team manager Bobby Robson is already out of favour with plenty of English fans ... and

he's only been in the job a few months.

Robson is trying desperately to get clubs to release their stars for the Aussie tour but the top clubs are more interested in arranging their own tours than worrying unduly about Robson's problems.

If the Youth Socceroos want to know what sort of opposition they'll face when they meet Scotland in the World Youth Championship, they should be interested in the Scotland v Switzerland Under 21 result.

Scotland won 2-1, with both of their goals coming from Aberdeen centre-forward Eric Black.

Black is still young enough to play in the WYC — even though he's a star at Under 21 international level.

Despite pressure from some quarters for Australia to field only Australian-born players, Frank Arok was not swayed when he picked his 22-man squad to face England.

"If you're building for

the future, you can benefit from the keen national pride of locals," said Arok, "but when you want to win a couple of prestige games, you pick your best players."

Arok also pointed out that foreign-born players had done great things for Australia in the past. He's right. Think of Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Manfred Schaefer, Jimmy Rooney, Les Scheinflug, Johnny Watkiss, Doug Utjesenovic, Allan Marnoch, etc. etc.

David Mitchell can breathe again.

The big Socceroo and Sydney City striker has had an operation for sinus trouble which hampered his breathing.

He had a similar operation four years ago, and is hoping this was the final visit to the surgeon's table.

Congratulations Sydney Olympic on setting a trend other NSL clubs would find hard to follow. I mean spectator support.

Obviously Canberra wasn't too far to travel over the Easter period for a Saturday night floodlit game. But Sydney Olympic supporters were all grouped in one part of the National Sports Centre main stand. Their number — anywhere from 350 to 500. And they certainly made themselves heard.

Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan sees his task as gradually building a more combative team which will go forward to score with greater regularity than in the past.

He is looking for the return of Vlatko Belic as a step in the right direction, and the addition this year of Gus McLeod and Kenny Taylor as beneficial.

The club worked hard to bring in funds before the season and gained from the Zoran Ilioski transfer, so that means they will be ready to sign a midfielder of class when the opportunity comes along.

There is no doubt that Leichhardt can face the future with a deal of confidence in the players they have brought through the ranks.

Fullback pair Paul Carter and Mark Brown and midfielder-winger Robert De Ceglie are only 20, and Ian Gray, who is destined to play a big part in the Strikers' defence, is 19.

Other first team regulars Arno Bertogna, Mark Pullen, John Bradley, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Tredinick and Bas Giampaolo should also have long careers ahead of them.



Triccia Fleissig plays for the popular Sydney Olympic girls team.

Triccia is a strong defender and has been playing Soccer for three years.

Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

What happens to an association's competitions when all of the best players are concentrated in two teams?

That is the situation facing Victorian women soccer players this season where membership is dropping off like flies.

It was revealed in Melbourne recently that it was possible there would be only one division playing this year instead of the three divisions set up for the 1982 season.

The reasons given is lack of players.

It has been argued that no association would allow any newcomer to the code to play against experienced teams who have so much talent unless it was in a 'friendly' game.

Unless a player started at the top, with a top team in Victoria, it was claimed that it would be far better to play a sport where competition is more even.

"We all play sport for the love of the game", said one player, "but we are not professionals and it is hard to love a sport where you get thrashed at regular intervals."

It was claimed that to only have one division was a backward step, with the games being turned into circus events with the top teams having all the fun and the underdogs becoming the victims.

Dissension amongst players and disinterest by parents and spectators would be the result of a one division competition, claimed another organiser.

The domination of the two top teams must stop if the Victorian association is to survive and the Victorian president has an idea that could save it.

His thoughts were that any side should not contain more than five State or ex-State players at the one time.

My thoughts on the matter seem to dwell on the situation that has been allowed to develop like a snowball.

Why was this situation not seen earlier and something done about it before membership

started dropping, (if, in fact, that is the situation)?

No matter what code is played, there will always be a 'top-dog' with the corresponding cowed and humbled team at the other end of the scale but how often has it been seen that the so-called 'bunny', the team that is an easy-beat for all to score against, suddenly turns the tables and does the seemingly impossible thing by toppling the leader off his perch?

Several years ago, the Northern Territory girls were the easy beats of the National Championships. The other States could always rely on building up their goal averages when the Territorians were played.

Yet the girls from the north, no matter how many they were beaten by, always came up with a grin, always with the vow that they, too, would one day be in the winning position.

With far less potential to choose from than the scope of the Victorian association, the Darwin and Alice girls have had their wins at last and they did so on their own merits and not by saying that the champion team should be hobbled or blind-folded when they played them.

I agree that on paper, the two top teams playing in the Victorian first division, would probably make up the whole of the state side, but for how long?

Father Time has a habit of catching up with top athletes and there are always those ready to move into the top spot.

Encouragement of junior players has only caused the code to benefit in other states. Unless the junior element of any organisation is helped and fostered, it is like watching a flower that has been broken off at the base.

Looking at the latest chart sent to me by the WSA, I see that there are

16 teams playing in two divisions.

At a guesstimate, this would represent about 180 players in the association at the close of the soccer year in December.

Nine years ago, one of the Sydney based associations started operation with almost exactly half this number.

Last year this organisation closed its books at 500 players in five divisions.

It, too, had a top dog team for several years which has now been toppled as age and creaking limbs caught up with top players.

Encouragement and recognising talent at school level has developed this association into probably the best organised in Sydney.

Surely the moral for the Victorian girls must be to start and catch 'em young. A firm base will always support tall structures.

To finish off this somewhat serious column this week, I have a tale told to me by Jim Delaney, the Secretary of the Long Reef United women's club in the Manly-Warringah, (Sydney) competition.

Jim's club originally started from an off-shoot in another club two years ago and has done very well for themselves in competition play.

This year the Long Reef women's club is sponsoring two BOYS teams in the local Manly-Warringah men's association competitions.

These lads are brothers and friends of the girls in the club and they will be starting off with two under 12 teams but here is the catch: two of the girls from winning teams last year will be playing with the boys to show them the ropes!

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.
Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I would like to respond to your article 'Is Soccer losing its Appeal' in a recent edition of ASW.

Although attendances at Soccer matches around the world are dwindling, the fact remains that when the Soccer is exciting and full of incident, there is no greater sporting spectacle. So, if the fans can be assured of seeing an entertaining game on most occasions, they will return to the terraces. If they see an unentertaining game, they will stay away.

Administrators must make alterations to the game itself, so that it is more likely to be worth watching more often. There will always be poor matches, no matter what anyone does.

I believe the following changes to be worth considering.

Firstly, and most importantly, the size of the goals.

It is only a freak of history that they are the size they are. Had the game first been legislated on the Continent instead of in the U.K., the goal sizes would have been metric. In all likelihood they would have been 8m. wide by 2.5m. high.

I believe that if the goals were increased (and it is only a marginal one) to the above dimensions, the following advantages would occur.

1. There would be more goals scored. The ratio of goals scored to chances created would increase by a small percentage (as a rough guide, every shot which now hits the bar or posts would enter the net).

2. The better team on the day would almost always win. The better team always creates more chances, but does not always score more goals. A small re-adjustment in the ratio of goals to chances, which a small increase in goal size would effect, would mean that the end result would more accurately reflect the pattern of play. Justice would be done!

3. Teams would be given the incentive to attack. No longer would a team be likely to survive 90 minutes without conceding a goal. Defensive tactics would become less effective than offensive tactics.

4. The most technical improvements in goalkeeping which is one of the main reasons for goal starvation (the absent fan's main symptom) would be counteracted in a small way. There would still be plenty of spectacular saves, but the goalkeeper's effect on the game would not be quite so disproportionate.

5. The skills of the striker would be rewarded more often.

I would also make two alterations to the offside law:

1. A player cannot be offside direct from a goal kick (as is now the case from a throw-in). This would go some way to preventing the unattractive situation where at goal kicks 20 players are all within a thin strip either side of the half way line.

2. A player cannot be offside unless he actually plays the ball. This would do away with the confusing and frustrating "interfering/not interfering with play" dilemma which referees have to contend with. Many otherwise perfectly legitimate goals are disallowed because someone happens to be offside who had no bearing on the goal whatsoever. This rule would also make the offside trap harder to work.

Finally, I would make two new rulings regarding goalkeepers.

I would do away with the three-step rule (which was totally ignored by World Cup goalkeepers and referees anyway) and insert a ruling which states that once the keeper has control of the ball, all attackers must allow him to dispose of it unimpeded.

As a quid-pro-quo, and also to prevent that dreary time-wasting tactic used by some teams towards the end of a game, introduce the following rule:—"That the ball may not be passed to the goalkeeper by a member of his own team until a member of the opposing team has touched the ball since the 'keeper last played it."

None of these suggestions alters in any way the spirit or the style of the code. They are not gimmicks either. As a package, they would immediately improve the entertainment value of the game.

Thanks for your time. Good luck with ASW.

David Nettleton,
YOLLA, TASMANIA.

Tony Vella hits back

By Peter Desira

TONY VELLA has hit out at Sunshine George Cross after making a swift exit from the club on the eve of the State League kick-off.

The coach was placed under tremendous pressure and given little time to establish a side after the merger of the two clubs in the close season.

The club was knocked out of the Dockerty Cup by Footscray's second division side but had reached the Buffalo Cup semi-finals prior to that.

"Considering the players I had at my disposal I was surprised we went that far.

"The supporters want too much too soon and are not prepared to wait even one season to build themselves a strong side.

"All their attention is geared towards beating Green Gully.

"But they should be men enough to realise that to get anywhere you have to start somewhere - slowly and painfully.

"In top football, without the material you can't have a team. "In other words you can't suck blood out of a stone."

Vella has been replaced by Tommy Traynor, imported from Scotland with a ton of experience at playing level

McArthur's problems

BILLY McARTHUR recognises he has two similar type of players in Ian Dobson and Steve McCombe at Croydon City but philosophically says that problems are there to be solved.

"You have to base your team around the squad that you've got," McArthur said.

"I don't have a sweeper but I have two good stoppers.

"We have tried to work the situation out by playing a double centre half system and it has been working quite well.

"Up until the defeat against Juventus we had played some 13 matches in which we only conceded six goals so the pair have got to know each other and cannot be blamed for our uncertain start to the league."

Croydon was the only club not to pick any points from the opening two matches but then got off the ground with a 3-1 win over Sunshine George Cross.

"We are in a false position in the lower half of the table. We've put ourselves under a bit of pressure but I'm not unduly worried - we can only go one way and that is up," McArthur said.

CLUB PRESIDENT IS SUSPENDED

By Fred Villiers

IT was the end of an era in Victorian Soccer last week.

John Barclay, the man who led the successful Australian national team to the World Cup finals with coach Rale Rasic in 1974, was suspended by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The same man only last season was president of the Frankston City State League club.

And the same man stood in opposition to Michael Weinstein for the chairmanship of the VSF at the Federation's annual meeting in November.

John Barclay, former national team manager, former Victorian State team manager and for a while chairman of the VSF, had been told he could no longer participate in any affairs of the Victorian Soccer

Federation through any member club.

It all happened when Frankston City collapsed 48 hours before the kick-off of the Metropolitan League last month.

The federation was so hurt by the shock decision it ordered an investigation into the affairs of Frankston City.

It was the Tribunal who recommended that the president, Mr

Barclay, and the club's secretary, Les Smith, be suspended from taking part in all activities of the VSF and its member clubs.

The board of management endorsed the Tribunal's recommendation.

As a result of Frankston's withdrawal from the top division in the Metro League, a bye occurs every week.

The Federation

were unable to re-allocate fixtures and the notification of Frankston's closure came too late to call for applications for the vacancy.

In other words, the league was caught with its pants down and nothing could be done about it.

For some time the Bayside club had been in financial trou-

ble. They were struggling to pay players and in the end most of their stars left on free transfers because their contracts were not honoured.

Mr Barclay is a life member of the VSF. This means he will still be able to attend games as a spectator as long as he doesn't participate in any club activity.



Arthur Xanthopoulos, the dynamic South Melbourne midfielder, shoots and the ball skims Marshall Soper's boot.

This is just some of the action which is bringing back the Middle Park Stadium's lost crowds in recent weeks of National League Soccer in Victoria.

Because of Arthur's skills on the ball, newcomer John Yzendoorn from Heidelberg, is finding it hard to obtain a permanent place in the South Melbourne side.

But a continued good performance from South like we've seen in recent weeks will ensure a place for them at the top of the league this year. and who knows, it could be South's year for the title.

Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

Murray — the quiet achiever

By Peter Desira

BILLY Murray could be excused for looking down smugly from among the leaders in the State League at the critics who wrote off his young Box Hill team before the season had even kicked off.

But the astute coach is not getting carried away despite the side's great start to the season - which included two wins and a draw from the opening three games in the League.

"We've got a long way to go," Murray said.

"I'm happy with what we've achieved so far but we cannot seriously be considered for a place anywhere near the top by any stretch of the imagination."

Murray has accepted Scott Patterson's decision not to

stay with the club and says he would not want an unhappy player to disrupt the great team spirit that exists at the club at the moment.

The coach says new recruit Alan McKenna should easily fill the hole left by Patterson.

McKenna, who has been with Millwall in England and Berwick Rangers in Scotland, arrived last week to start a two year contract with the club.

Bobby's job is in no danger



By Peter Desira

FOOTSCRAY coach Bobby McLachlan still has the backing of the committee despite the side's bad start to the season in which it conceded nine goals without gaining a point in the opening three matches.

"The executive and myself are all behind Bobby and he is under no

pressure from us," Footscray president Jack Karic said this week.

"The club's supporters naturally are not happy but we've had a tough start to the season and you can't really expect results against South Melbourne and Preston," Karic added.

The president said he "half expected" a loss against both although

getting beaten 1-4 both times was "a bit too much."

This week the club travels to Queensland where the side has never found it easy to get points. Its opponent will be fellow struggling club Brisbane Lions.

Karic said that the side still needs two quality players and the money from the transfer of Zoran Ilioski will be used solely to strengthen the squad.

RALE RASIC SPEAKS OUT

RALE RASIC has ruled out any chances of using expensive signing John Yzendoorn in the club's State League side while the player waits for his chance to break into the NSL team.

"Yzendoorn is not registered with the VSF but in any case I did not buy him to play in the State League," Rasic said.

Yzendoorn transferred from Heidelberg to South for 15,000 dollars but had not played a full game in the NSL after three weeks with the club.

Rasic believes only a fool changes a winning team and has stuck to that principle even though he has not been totally pleased by a couple of recent performances.

"We had a good result against Footscray but I was not too happy by the way we played. We had

quite a few great opportunities that we missed.

"At present we are playing to about 60 per cent of our capabilities.

"We are not as yet in top swing. The best is yet to come," the supremo said.

On the other hand Rasic is quite happy by the attitude of the players towards the club and the game in general at present.

"The discipline is A1. The players are showing a great responsibility at training.

"The competition is enormous and is keeping the players on their toes to perform even better.

"Arthur Xanthopoulos for example, has never

played better and I believe he has benefitted from the enormous pressure that is on him now."

About the club's reserve side which has had an uncertain start in the State League, Rasic said: "Our side lost two out of its opening three matches but you've got to remember that we have nine youngsters under the age of 18 in there.

"Make no mistake, our State League side will be a sound team.

"Players in there are at a preparatory stage for our National League side. It is where we will draw our players from in the next few years.

"With that sort of set-up we can't go as far as the Melbourne Croats or the Green Gulls but then again we can't be compared with them on the budget that we operate on. Ours is on a much smaller scale."



SOUTH Melbourne's Tony Kaiser beats Mark Wilson, Northcote City's new Irish defender, to the ball at Middle Park.

Mark's team-mate and countryman, Jeff Gorman, who arrived shortly before Mark, has returned to Ireland because of his father's sudden illness.

Northcote are not certain whether Gorman will return but they're hoping.

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Rovers top signing

By Peter Desira

GERRY CLARK is set to become the biggest signing of the season for Albion Rovers.

The striker was a 50,000 dollar buy by Johnny Giles when he took over at Shamrock Rovers and comes with a big recommendation.

Giles was the midfield maestro in the days when Leeds were the strongest club in England and then had a successful managerial spell at West Bromwich before moving to Shamrock.

The only reason behind the delay in Clark's arrival is that Albion has to create a temporary visa vacancy to bring him out from Ireland.

GARY JOINS ASW

Gary Cutler, a former Albion Rovers defender who came to Australia 12 months ago from Wolverhampton reserves, has joined the Australian Soccer Weekly as Melbourne advertising manager.

Gary, who expects to join Morwell Falcons this week, has had experience in advertising in the UK.

He can be contacted on 329 8944, at 220 Stanley Street, West Melbourne. After hours: 363 6727.



Bobby Russell (South Melbourne) stretches to cut out a pass by Theo Selemidis (Heidelberg). The other player is Oscar Crino. Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

George looks to England

By Con Nikolopoulos

Canberra City midfielder George Christopoulos has entered the British Parliament, for the second time in two years.

Don't get it wrong, he has not been elected to the Lower House. His Australian citizenship prevents him from entering English politics as it has prevented him, so far, from making a Soccer career in the old continent.

Things may change, however, for George if English Second Division Club Newcastle United win their appeal to British Parliament against the inefficiency of the Act, restricting Clubs from recruiting foreign players.

Newcastle argue that the Act does not define clearly the conditions pertaining to overseas imports, thus creating confusion about the entitlements of League Clubs to overseas imports.

Due to the inefficiency of the Act, Arsenal have been able to recruit Vladimir Petrovic from Red Star, Yugoslavia, and Newcastle are determined to use this precedent to defend their case.

Newcastle secretary Robert Cushing appeared confident in his letter to Christopoulos, last week, about the outcome of their appeal.

"If Arsenal managed to sign Petrovic", says Cushing, "I see no reason at all why we should not be able to bring you to Newcastle".

Christopoulos has a

long association with Newcastle.

In 1981, pending the decision of the British Parliament on his application for work permit, he spent seventh months with Newcastle Manager-Coach Arthur Cox, preparing for the break in to the team.

The refusal of the authorities to grant the work permit halted his plans, but failed to dampen his enthusiasm.

"Of course I am interested" said Christopoulos. "I waited six months in 1981, and I am not going to turn my back on them now. Judging from their letter, I still figure in Cox's recruiting plans and I could be lucky this time".

How long will it take for the appeal to be heard is anybody's guess at this stage. "It could take days, it could take weeks, it could take months" says Christopoulos.

But the time factor does not bother George. "They can keep me out of England until December 31, 1984", he says.

"From January first, 1985, when Greek citizens can move freely to any country of the European Economic Community, I will be able to enter England as a Greek citizen".



WILSON SAVES!

Sydney Olympic's keeper Peter Wilson dives and saves a goal against South Melbourne, at Middle Park Stadium. Tony Dakos moves in to lend a hand just in case Peter fails to grab the ball.

Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer John Punshon.

GOULOPOULOS SACKS AWAD

AFTER giving Egyptian international Ahmed Awad a tremendous build-up two weeks ago, Heidelberg has now decided it can do without him and has told him to find another club.

Awad, who represented Egypt 17 times, apparently signed registration forms with the club but then made excessive demands when it came to discussing terms for a one-year contract.

By Peter Desira

President Sam Gouloupoulos, tight as they come when dollar signs are involved, nearly hit the roof on hearing the player's demands and got one of his henchmen to tell the lanky striker his days at Heidelberg were over before he had even kicked a ball for the club in active competition.



South Melbourne's Steve Kakantonis beats a Northcote City player to the ball at Middle Park in a Victorian State League encounter. Photo: John Punshon.

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AMBITIOUS AUSSIES GO PLACES

By Keith Gilmour

The ambitious young player in Australia has a greater opportunity than ever to make his mark in the world-wide soccer code.

Let's look at some of the young schoolboy faces that were around in 1978 and 1979 to prove our point.

In 1978 the Australian Schoolboys team went to America for a short tour.

The following year one particular highlight was a match played by the Australian representative team as early game to Australia v New York Cosmos.

Out of the ranks for these two years came many players who have since made a name for themselves playing for National and State League clubs, the Young Socceroos and also the full Australian Socceroo team.

In 1978 the Australian schoolboys were coached by Bobby McLachlan, now coach of Footscray. He had a successful period handling Green Gully Ajax in the Victorian State League.

Bill Turner of Newcastle was the tour leader and Jack Dodd of Sydney was the manager.

It was a tour of mixed results due to unusual circumstances.

Mixed Results

The Australians managed a draw with British Columbia at Vancouver

after coming right off the plane.

They had no trouble winning 9-1 against Washington State at Seattle and 4-0 against California at San Francisco.

The Australians led the US national youth team 2-1 when the very young referee completely lost control and the game was wisely called off.

Look at the calibre of the players. Peter Katholos has since been voted Australian Player-of-the-Year and Peter Raskopoulos has played for Australia and is a regular with the dynamic Sydney Olympic.

Eddie Krncevic is another Australian player. He is currently making a name for himself in Yugoslavia.

Greg Woodhouse, still 23, is yet another Australian representative.

There was plenty of quality down the line. Charlie Yankos and John Spanos are with Heidelberg, Ian Hunter (Marconi), Tony Pezzano and Paul Kay (Sydney City), George Christopoulos (Canberra Arrows).

Danny Moulis would have been with Sydney Olympic but for injury and Malcolm McClelland has played for Newcastle KB Raiders.



Howard Tredinnick

Michael Boogaard has been signed by Newcastle this year and Mike Milovanovic has gone to North Queensland after playing in the National League with Canberra and Blacktown.

Not quite so prominent are Tommy O'Halloran, South Australian Paul Inance and Western Australian Arthur Sharp.

But what a magnificent gain from the schoolboy ranks for Australian soccer.

The next group possessed players of a quality that was equally startling.

Steve Blair at that time was at Sunshine High School in Melbourne. He represented Victoria as a schoolboy in 1978 and 1979. In the latter year he was captain.

Regular Place

Steve is an anchor man in South Melbourne's defence and has played for Australia both at youth and national level.

He was one of the Australian team who did so well against the cream of the world's youth footballers in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

Then there was Oscar Crino, at present starring in South Melbourne's



Rob Wheatley

midfield after playing in Hong Kong. Oscar came from Clayton Technical School.

Grant Lee, after scoring consistently with Sydney City, has been mentioned as a possible gain for the Newcastle Raiders this year.

His right wing runs are very dangerous. He put his game together with Chatswood High School and Lane Cove juniors on Sydney's north shore.

Gary Phillips, a mid-field ace with Sydney Olympic, came from Coffs Harbour on the NSW North Coast.

He has pointed the way to many country players of the future.

David Skeen was a Berkeley High School boy who went from Dapto in the Illawarra League to St George. Now he holds a regular place for the Saints as right-back.

David Smith is not so well known, but he is a player not to be underestimated. He came from Sydney Technical High School and now is a regular for Riverwood in the NSW State League.

Howard Tredinnick is the Newcastle left-back, who has taken over from former international and



David Skeen

World Cup star Bunny Curran.

He was left-back for Australia in the World Youth Cup after coming through from Booragul High School on Lake Macquarie and playing for the Lake Macquarie club.

His opposite number in the last Australian youth team was Rob Wheatley.

Rob played in the Normanhurst High School team that twice won the Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup). From Ku-Ring-Gai in NSW State League he went to the Blacktown Demons.

He is another Australian international.

Charlie Yankos is a link between the 1978 and 1979 teams. This brilliant defender came from Paisley High School in Melbourne.

On this occasion the state coach was Connell Byrne, who later went to the United States to further his physical education career.

Other players in this group were Tony Burley, Ross Swan and David Whyte (Queensland), Marcel Radojevic, Peter Raack and Ian Watson (NSW) and Daryl Gooch (Vic).



Peter Raskopoulos

This year the Australian Youth team, which includes the next major group to have come through the Australian schools system, go to Mexico for the World Youth Championship finals. They have come a long

way already, and many of them are with National Soccer League clubs.

Their careers also will be watched with interest as Australian youngsters forge their way further and further ahead in soccer.

Your help is needed

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY is poised to increase its cover of junior and schools soccer from two to three or even four pages in each issue.

We are also looking for plenty of country news as well.

All that is required is more information from clubs, associations and schools.

Now that the junior season is under way there is plenty of scope for officials, coaches and players to let us have their news.

We are virtually interested in the top class juniors right through to the youngest teams in the least experienced divisions.

In NSW alone there are the clubs in the "Attack" Youth League, the Inter-District teams and the

thousands of club teams in the various Associations.

We want your stories and photos — black-and-white reproduce best but colour will do. Action shots help. In both cases send us the players' names as well.

We are an AUSTRALIAN paper, so the same position applies to clubs and schools in Queensland, Northern NSW, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

You can also let us have a brief history of your club. Don't forget to mention any players of note who have come through the ranks.

Send your news to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406 Broadway, NSW 2007.



□ This bright young bunch comes from Chullora Soccer Club in the Bankstown United Association.

Their happy demeanour signifies their success in Bankstown's under 13 division 3 competition, and this year they are playing in under 14s.

The side from left, back: G. Tucker (manager), S. Tucker, M. Praszczalek, T. Cumerlato, N. Jackson, C. Campbell, Mr W. Campbell (coach). Centre: C. White, A. Thompson, N. Christophorou, W. Parmer, J. Mikita. Front: P. Gualtiere, L. Gribben, S. Christophorou, E. Gutierrez, C. George.

WESTERN NSW SHOWS WAY

Congratulations to Western NSW Branch and secretary Michael Bray on the completeness of their season's planning.

In spite of drought and recession, the seniors and juniors of Western NSW know exactly where their football stands.

All competitions of a special nature have been drafted into the activity calendar.

Subject to any running adjustments that may crop up, everyone in the

west knows just where they stand. The west, it seems, is wild and woolly no longer.

The planning includes management committee and general meetings, right through to the annual meeting at the start of 1984.

The NSW Amateur Federation would like to see even the smallest Association planning its season with the same attention to detail that is the case this year in the Western NSW Branch.

FRESH FACES FOR STATE

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McDonald's two squads

John McDonald, the Gladesville-Hornsby Regional Director of Coaching, is preparing both the under 14 and 16 representative squads this season.

The U16s comprises a number of the Normhurst 15-1s who did so well in the NSW Champion of Champions titles last season.

The U14s have seven 1982 players. Two leading players went to Leichhardt and one to Melita Eagles.

Steve Blatchford is the under 15 coach. He has had to make up for one player lost to Leichhardt and another to Auburn.

Brian Tindale, prominent over the years as a coach with Carlingford Redbacks, is looking after the U13s.

He has had to make up the weight after losing three players to David Lee's Blacktown Demons Supersquad.

New Assn wins

The new Macarthur District Soccer Football Association has had a great start in representative football.

Their under 13 team won the Amundsen competition on the Far South Coast, defeating an A.C.T. team in the final.

Teams from four states competed. More details of the competition will appear in our next issue.

SLICKERS OFF AGAIN



Our picture shows the lucky Sydney City under 12 team who toured the United States last December. The young Slickers won all four games played and only had one goal scored against them.

This year a strengthened Sydney City under 11 team will undergo a tour which will give far greater football experience to the players. They are booked to leave Sydney on August 22 and will play eight matches in three countries — Holland,

Hungary and England. The boys are busy raising funds to meet the tour costs.

The under 12 players shown are: Back row from left: Kurt Merx, Bradley Walker, Paul Lansman, Paul Houseman, Andres van der Stap, Maurice Perez, John Kemeny. Front row: Anthony Kemeny, Carlos Mendoza, Nick Nistassas, Darren Xerri, Ben Sorbello, Steven Thomson. Andrew Kemeny and Steve Serda managed the team and a number of the parents went along.

TURNER CUP

Your school can enter its under 15 soccer team in the Bill Turner Cup if you arrange for the nomination coupon below to be signed and mailed straight away.

Last season the Sydney schools competed in the 2SM Cup and the leading sides went through into the Turner Cup.

This year the state-wide Turner Cup has taken over. In other respects this excellent competition will be conducted similarly.

Sydney entries go to local organiser John Moscovis C/- Epping Bohys High School, Vimeira Rd, Eastwood 2122.

The Bill Turner Cup is the only competition available to both the private and public education sectors in NSW.

All matches are played

outside school hours, and the first four rounds, at least, will be played at the schools' own grounds.

Later games could be played at major grounds under floodlights.

The competition rules and draw will be mailed to each competing school as soon as the draw is made.

Bankstown Boys High School defeated Glendale High School 1-0 in last year's final, which provided a great Sydney-Newcastle inter-city tussle.

Entries officially close on WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, so be certain that your school's nomination is mailed right away.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY aims to carry the draw and the match results when the competition starts.

BILL TURNER CUP UNDER 15 SOCCER COMPETITION

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Coach's home Phone No:

School colours:

Home Ground:

NB: Early round matches will be drawn to minimise travelling distances.

We agree to abide by the rules and conditions laid down by the Bill Turner Cup Organising Committee.

(Principal's Signature)

(Date)



Whoever arranged for Sutherland State League coach and former international John Watkiss (part obscured) to present the 1982 NSW State under 18 Cup to St Andrews Eastwood's captain must have known something. Watkiss, one of the proven developers of local talent in NSW football, is now the NSW coach for the match against Queensland in Brisbane.

The final was played at Seymour Shaw Park and St Andrews ran out clearcut 5-0 winners over Panania RSL.

AMATEUR CUP ENTRIES CLOSING

Entries for the 1983 NSW Amateur knock out cups in the various grades close on April 18. Clubs still have enough time to nominate by mailing their applications to the NSW Amateur secretary Rod Woods, 29 Yeramba St, Turrumurra 2074. (Phone: (02) 44 7069 for enquiries). The grades conducted are NSW Amateur Cup (for seniors), Robertson Cup (under 21), and the NSW Amateur under 18, 16 and 14 Cups.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 4, April 9-10

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

GROUP A

Melita v Kur-ring-gai	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-0
Canterbury v Central Coast	3-7	6-1	6-4	2-1
St George v Auburn	0-0	2-2	1-2	2-0
Granville v Blacktown Assoc	1-2	7-0	10-0	Blk

GROUP B

APIA v Southern Districts	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0
City v Polonia	2-3	1-1	0-2	6-0
Sutherland v Illawarra	0-0	3-1	1-1	0-0
Gladesville v Nth Bankstown	2-1	4-0	1-0	6-1

Croatia bye

GROUP C

Avala v Blacktown City	0-2	1-2	1-0	0-2
Marconi v Bankstown	0-1	2-0	3-0	9-0
Nepean v Macarthur	Nep	5-0	2-1	2-1
Baulkham H. v C'burry-Marr	1-2	2-4	2-1	0-5
Sydney Olympic Bye				

U/13:

GROUP A: Central Coast 8, Blacktown Assoc 6, Manly 6, Ku-ring-gai 5, St George 5, Auburn 5, Canterbury 2, Granville 1, Melita 0.

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Points awarded to Canterbury-Marr, Marconi and Blacktown City for byes against Western NSW have been deducted due to the entry of Macarthur Assoc.

Games against Macarthur for these clubs will be scheduled shortly.

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

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WOODY READY FOR BIG COMEBACK

When Greg Woodhouse burst on to the scene as a 17-year-old, back in 1977 with Mike Laing's Western Suburbs PSL team, many rated the youngster the best goalkeeping talent since Ron Lord.

The following years did nothing to change that opinion.

"Woody" became a PSL regular first with Wests and then with APIA (now Leichhardt), following the amalgamation of the two clubs.

He had the physical qualities, the hungry mental attitude and the obvious natural talent which confirmed those early observations that here was a young man on the way to the top.

The then national coach Rudi Gutendorf also thought so.

Woodhouse became Australia's number one Youth team goalkeeper playing in our first ever World Youth Championship elimination matches in Paraguay in 1978.

He was also Australian Schoolboys goalkeeper for their tour to North America the same year.

Woodhouse impressed Gutendorf, so much so that he was immediately drafted into the full national team for the "eventful" European tour where he won the right to be number one goal-

keeper for our 1982 World Cup campaign.

It had all happened quickly for Woodhouse, perhaps too quickly.

In our desire to create local personalities in Australia we are often guilty

of elevating youngsters to superstar status overnight and then, following a few poor performances, dropping them to "has beens" just as quickly.

This happened to Woody in the same manner as it has happened to many youngsters before him.

It all started to go wrong in 1981 climaxing, in the World Cup debacle against New Zealand (that team again...) at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Like all goalkeepers, Woody took more than his share of the blame.

There was little sympathy at the time or even mention that during the entire Gutendorf era, Woodhouse never played behind the same defence twice.

If 1981 gave Woodhouse his first set-back, 1982 brought the second. Nagging injuries restricted his PSL appearances for Leichhardt to a mere handful.

For Woodhouse it completed the success cycle — from 17-year-old "wonder boy" playing all over the world as our number one youth and senior Soc-



Greg Woodhouse, the Leichhardt goalie

ceroo goalkeeper to, suddenly at 22, facing the scrap heap.

That he has now fought his way back to the fringe of the national team speaks volumes for his character.

Full recovery from his 1982 injuries, marriage,

and more emphasis on his overall physical fitness indicates that Woodhouse is on the way back.

The bitter experiences of 1981 and 1982 have matured him and made him a wiser man.

He has coped with the

fickleness of the media, fans, coaches and injuries to make his comeback.

And I hope that comeback is right to the top for the former Bankstown Protestant Churches youngster.

CHANCE TO SEE WEMBLEY

Australian kids now have every opportunity to make it in Soccer.

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John Lane of Stephens Travel is taking all this exposure a step further by organising a trip of a lifetime to the UK next January.

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Four first division matches, a visit to Wembley Stadium, a few days in Manchester, including a visit to Manchester United's Old Trafford Ground, a tour of Anfield plus tours of London and places like Sherwood Forest are all part of Stephens' Sports Travel's 1983 January tour to the UK.

I would suggest parents wishing to send their youngsters on this trip contact John Lane at Stephens Sports Travel on Sydney 231.3833.

KINGSFORD JUNIORS



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The smile says it all! Some yo-heave-ho from these little fellows at their club's sports day.

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Br'swick — Hamburg 2-4
Eint F't — Her Berlin 3-1
D'dorf — Schalke 3-1
Bochum — Stuttgart 2-2
L'kusen — K'Lautern 0-0
W Bremen — N'berg 3-2

FRANCE

Nantes — Sochaux 4-0
Bordeaux — Lille 2-0
Paris SG — Lyons 3-0
Monaco — Rouen 2-0
Brest — Laval 3-0
Lens — Tours 2-1
Nancy — Auxerre 3-1
St Etienne — S'bourg 0-0
Mulhouse — Toulouse 1-2
Bastia — Metz 0-3

AUSTRIA

S Sturm — Neusidel 1-0
Voeest — Lask 2-0
Aust K'furt — Gak 2-0
Eisenstadt — Wels 2-2
Wiener SC — Rapid 0-4
Aus S'burg — Simmering 3-0
Admira W'ker — I'sbruck 2-2
Austria Wien — Vienna 5-1

SWITZERLAND

Bulle — B'zona 4-1
Lausanne — Basle 7-0
Lucerne — W'thur 4-1
S Gallen — Vevey 4-3
S'vette G'eva — G'hop's 2-1
Young Boys — Neuchatel 1-1
FC Zurich — Sion 2-1
Servette lead on 34 points, followed by Grasshoppers 31, and FC Zurich 25.

ITALY

Cesena — Torino 2-0
Inter A'lino 2-0
Juve Ascoli 5-0
Napoli — Cagliari 1-0
Pisa — Udinese 0-0
Roma — C'zaro 2-0
S'doria — Genoa 2-2
Verona — F'tina 0-1

HOLLAND

Utrecht — F Sittard 4-0
Willem — Go Ahead 2-0
AZ '67 — Ajax 2-3
Roda JC — Haarlem 2-0
Zwolle — Nac Breda 2-1
Twente — Ex R'dam 0-2
Nec N'gen — Sp R'dam 5-2
PSV — G'ningen 6-0
F'noord — Helm Sp 2-1

BELGIUM

A'lecht — Waterschei 4-0
Waregem — RWD M'beek 0-0
FC Bruges — Courtrai 2-1
Beerschot — Antwerp 0-1
Seraing — Ghent 3-0
W'slag — Lierse 3-1
Lokeren — FC Liege 0-2
Tongres — Beveren 0-2
Sta Liege — Cer Bruges 6-1

GREECE

Apollon — M'nikos 4-0
Yannina — P'raikos 2-0
Iraklis — Aris 0-1
Larisa — AEK 4-1
OFI — Doxa 1-0
P'kos — E'nikos 2-1
P'chaiki — Paok 1-0
P'nios — Rodos 2-0
O'piakos — Kastoria 3-0

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Benfica — Rio Ave 0-0
G'maraes — Porto 0-0
Varzim — M'timo 3-2
Estoril — Amora 3-0
S'gueiros — Alcobaca 2-0
Setubal — P'nense 1-0
Espinho — Braga 4-1

POLAND

St Miel — Chorzow 0-1
Gdynia — S'nowiec 0-0
Lks Lodz — CRA Krakow 1-1
Leg Warsaw — Szczecin 2-3
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Szom Bytom Gornik 3-2
Lech P'nan — Gw W'saw 3-2
Wis Krakow — Wid Lodz 1-1

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WEST GERMANY

Former West German World Cup captain, Franz Beckenbauer, is returning to American Soccer with his former club the New York Cosmos.

Beckenbauer last played for the Cosmos back in September 1980, before returning to Germany to play for SV Hamburg for another two seasons before retiring last year. The champion German player is ready to resume with Cosmos against Montreal on May 1 in the NASL.

Beckenbauer has represented West Germany more than 100 times and led his World Cup team to victory in 1974 when they won the final against Holland.

Australian Soccer fans saw Beckenbauer in Sydney at the Showground in October 1979 when the Cosmos played against Rudi Gutendorf's Socceroos.

On that night, the Cosmos were well beaten by Australia, 2-1 before an Australian record night-crowd for any sporting event of 62,000.

KING GREETING KING



"Welcome home!" that's what Pele said to Franz Beckenbauer when the great German libero rejoined New York Cosmos.

SCOTLAND

Scottish team Aberdeen, is ready to reach its first ever European Soccer final after crushing Belgium's Waterschei 5-1 at Pittodrie, Scotland, in the first leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final.

The Scots hit the target twice in the first four minutes. The return leg will be played in Belgium, and a huge upset is needed by the Belgians to be able to block out Aberdeen from climbing into the Final on May 11 against either Real Madrid or Austria Vienna.

The Final will be in Gothenburg. An elated Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson, told the Press: "We've done the hard bit now. It is a magnificent start and our two strikers, Black and McGhee, did the job where it matters- in the box."

"They proved they were goal-hungry." By the way, Eric Black is the deadly striker who will clash with Australia's Youth team in Mexico in June in the 1983 World Youth Championships, when he plays for Scotland, the current European Champions.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong could stage a Sydney Olympic tour match in June... to keep the Olympic players from going rusty.

Manager Tommy Docherty says: "We'll have to cancel several NSL matches if our players are away with the Youth Socceroos or playing for Australia against England. Maybe we'll get some match practice in Hong Kong or Singapore. It would be crazy to just stop playing matches."

Unfortunately, good clubs sides in Hong Kong are quite capable of giving a hiding to an under-strength Sydney Olympic.

PORTUGAL

With the World Youth Championship rapidly approaching, it's good to know that FIFA is keeping a close eye on players' ages.

Recently in the UEFA Junior competition, Portugal was found guilty of playing over-age players. So UEFA authorities ruled that the Portugese had LOST three matches, each by 3-0, against France, Belgium and Spain... even though they didn't lose them on the park.

FIFA is expected to be even tougher than UEFA in checking on ages for youngsters appearing in top competitions.

MEXICO

People who reckon Mexico is certain to host the 1986 World Cup could be in for a surprise.

Although FIFA's investigating committee staaed earlier that they would not even bother to visit the USA or Canada, they have had to re-think on that blunt decision.

FIFA has informed the United States authorities that there will be a review of the situation by no later than April 18. Sepp Blatter, FIFA's secretary-general said: "We have received a demand from the USA to reconsider our decision and in view of the very strong reaction we had from both the USA and Canada, FIFA will now do this."

Meanwhile, FIFA's four-man delegation is due in Mexico today to have a look at grounds, facilities and the financial set-up to assess if the Mexicans really are capable of staging the World Cup. They did so once before, but since then, the economy in Mexico has been hit by raging inflation and FIFA may not be prepared to risk a fiasco if Mexico cannot find the cash to stage the Cup.

GREECE

A.E.K.'s ace-striker, Thomas Mavros, is about to be offered a contract to move to America and play for the fabulous New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League.

The Greek World Cup striker, has attracted the Cosmos' attention and they are willing to pay A.E.K. \$1 million, which is a lot of drachmas. In fact it is roughly 71 million drachmas.

A.E.K. the Athenian club is strongly challenging for the Greek Championship this year and Mavros is Greece's second top goal-scorer.

ITALY

The plane carrying the Polish team, Widzew Lodz from Poland to Italy, was struck by lightning, causing panic within the aircraft but no injuries.

The right wing of the plane was struck about 50 miles from Rome.

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WEMBLEY STADIUM IS OUT OF FAVOUR

There is much conjecture about the future of Wembley Stadium. Some of the attendances there have fallen way below expectations in the past couple of years... indeed this season's England v Wales international pulled in only 24,000 and that is the smallest crowd Wembley has ever accommodated for a big game.

The English F.A. has not renewed its contract with Wembley Stadium and is now booking the ground on a match-to-match basis.

It is strange to reflect that Wembley, which many Australians regard as God's gift to soccer, is 60 years old and, compared with some of the great stadiums of the world, is an archaic arena!

Maybe we could ship it to Sydney.

The F.A. has tried to "bribe" spectators to attend this year's European Championship matches at Wembley. Fans have been told they'll be able to buy tickets for the England v Scotland sell-out in June if they produce proof that they've attended the less attractive internationals against Greece and Hungary.

Wembley Stadium



ABERDEEN ALEX IS A HERO

The big hero in Scottish football right now appears to be Alex Ferguson, manager of the so-successful Aberdeen.

Not only are Aberdeen making a great bid for the Scottish League championship, but they're also in with a big chance of retaining the Scottish Cup.

But probably Alex Ferguson's greatest achievement is guiding Aberdeen to the semi-final of the European

Cup Winners Cup, making them the last British team surviving in Europe.

Incidentally, when Scotland played Switzerland in Glasgow, Aberdeen had five players in the national squad — a huge representation for a provincial club.

Newport County's Somerton Park ground is not the sort of place where huge crowds are regularly seen. Newport average attendances of 4,000 — even though they are challenging strongly for promotion. But when neighbours Cardiff City visited Somerton Park on Easter Monday, the match kicked off at the strange time of 11 a.m. in case of crowd hooliganism.

Cardiff are also in the race for promotion. And the early kick-off was arranged so the fans could be inside the ground before the local public houses opened!

NOBODY'S BUYING

When the transfer deadline passed in England, it was recorded as one of the quietest seasons for many years on the transfer market. About \$3,000,000 was spent on buying players. In the previous year, the figure was \$42,000,000 and in 1979-80, it was \$73,000,000.

This is the most convincing pointer to the hard-up situation in which most clubs find themselves. Yet players still think they can demand, and get, sky-high wages. Luton Town manager Dave Pleat complained that he has tried to sign several players but immediately lost interest when they asked for weekly payments of 500 or 600 pounds.

When England manager Bobby Robson selected his side to play Greece in the European Championship, he said it was one of the most "adventurous" sides he had ever fielded.

Robson said he would use Steve Coppell and Alan Devonshire as orthodox wingers, giving England a forward line of Coppell—Francis—Woodcock—Devonshire in a 3-3-4 formation.

The plan was to go flat out for goals. It didn't work exactly as Robson had hoped. The result was 0-0 and the English team was given the bird by the crowd.

THUMBS DOWN ON PLAN

The Chester Report, aimed at transforming the Football League, has not been well received by many clubs in the League.

Some third and fourth division clubs regard the report, compiled by Sir Norman Chester, as a quick way to oblivion as far as they are concerned.

The leading first division clubs, however, see the suggested reduction in their division as an excellent plan, allowing them more free dates to accommodate European matches.

One suggestion in the report is clearly aimed at making the rich richer and the poor poorer. This would allow home teams to retain all gate receipts from home games. It's a marvellous scheme for the likes of Manchester United, Spurs and Newcastle United... but far from ideal for clubs like Luton Town, Brighton and Notts County who rely on a percentage of away gates when they visit the giants.

THIJSSSEN CANADIAN TARGET

Vancouver Whitecaps are very busy in England attempting to lure top talent to the North American Soccer League.

Evidently, the Canadians are not short of dollars. They are ready to pay Ipswich Town's brilliant Dutch midfielder, Frans Thijssen, \$170,000 a season for the next two seasons.

Whitecaps have also just about fixed up former English international centre-half Dave Watson, now with Stoke City. Watson, like Thijssen, is wanted for two years.



Frans Thijssen

UK Soccer tables

ENGLISH DIV 1											ENGLISH DIV 4													
HOME goals						AWAY goals					HOME goals						AWAY goals							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P			
Liverpool	35	16	3	0	54	13	8	5	3	29	13	80	4	13	7	1	45	12	9	6	4	23	18	
Watford	36	14	2	2	44	15	6	2	10	22	30	64	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Man utd	34	11	7	0	32	9	5	5	6	14	17	60	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Aston villa	36	14	2	2	40	14	4	2	12	13	30	58	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Stoke	36	13	3	3	33	17	3	3	11	17	34	54	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Nottm for	36	10	4	4	29	15	5	4	9	20	30	53	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
West ham	35	11	3	4	36	20	5	1	11	21	32	52	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Southampton	36	10	4	3	30	15	4	6	9	17	34	52	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Everton	36	10	5	2	37	18	3	4	4	11	32	51	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Tottenham	35	11	4	2	39	13	3	4	4	11	32	51	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Ipswich	36	9	3	6	31	19	4	8	6	22	22	50	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Arsenal	35	9	6	3	30	15	3	6	9	16	29	49	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
WBA	36	9	5	4	33	19	3	6	9	14	27	47	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Notts cnty	37	10	3	5	32	22	3	3	13	17	42	45	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Covevnt	35	10	4	3	27	11	2	4	12	16	40	44	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Sunderland	35	7	7	3	25	16	4	4	10	16	33	44	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Man city	37	8	5	5	23	20	3	3	13	20	44	41	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Norwich	37	7	5	5	22	15	3	5	10	18	37	40	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Luton	34	5	6	6	27	26	4	4	9	27	45	37	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Swansea	36	9	2	6	28	23	0	7	12	17	35	36	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Brighton	36	7	7	5	24	21	1	4	12	10	41	35	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Birmingham	35	7	6	5	25	23	0	7	10	6	27	34	4	31	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
ENGLISH DIV 2											SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV													
HOME goals						AWAY goals					HOME goals						AWAY goals							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P			
QPR	35	13	3	2	45	14	9	3	5	23	16	72	4	38	13	4	2	45	11	7	3	17	45	46
Wolves	36	11	6	2	39	14	6	8	4	22	23	68	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Fulham	35	11	5	2	33	19	7	3	7	25	20	62	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Leicester	36	10	2	6	33	14	7	5	6	31	26	58	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Leeds utd	35	7	7	2	22	15	6	9	4	23	23	55	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Sheffid wed	35	7	8	3	28	20	5	6	9	22	19	52	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Barnsley	35	9	6	3	35	21	5	4	8	18	24	52	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Oldham	36	7	9	2	33	21	4	9	5	19	18	51	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Newcastle	35	10	6	2	33	18	6	8	8	23	29	51	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Shrewsbury	36	7	8	3	17	12	6	4	8	27	32	46	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Blackburn	36	8	6	3	31	20	4	4	11	17	32	46	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Grimby	36	9	6	3	31	20	3	2	13	12	41	44	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Cambridge	36	10	6	2	24	13	1	4	13	13	39	43	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Carlisle	36	9	3	5	39	24	2	6	11	23	38	42	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Chelsea	36	8	5	4	29	18	2	6	11	19	36	41	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Derby cnty	35	8	7	4	22	22	3	8	7	20	27	40	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Cryslia pal	35	8	7	3	24	16	1	5	11	11	27	39	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Rotherham	36	5	6	8	18	27	4	6	9	19	29	39	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Middlesbrough	36	7	6	5	25	28	2	6	10	15	37	39	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Charlton	35	9	2	6	29	25	2	4	12	20	30	39	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Bolton	36	9	1	8	28	25	1	7	10	11	31	38	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Burnley	33	8	3	7	32	22	1	2	12	15	34	32	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
ENGLISH DIV 3											SCOTTISH DIV 1													
HOME goals						AWAY goals					HOME goals						AWAY goals							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P			
Newport	40	12	6	2	35	16	10	2	8	15	28	74	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Huddersfield	40	13	7	0	51	16	7	5	8	24	26	72	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Pershamb	40	13	7	3	34	17	8	6	6	25	22	72	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Cardiff	40	14	5	1	36	12	6	6	10	27	33	66	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Bristol R	39	15	4	3	39	18	6	6	10	27	33	66	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Lincoln	40	15	5	0	40	20	5	6	9	21	27	66	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Oxford	39	9	9	1	36	21	8	7	10	26	28	62	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Sheffid Htd	38	14	3	3	33	18	3	4	11	15	32	58	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Pleymouth	39	10	6	3	33	18	3	6	11	20	37	58	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Southend	40	10	6	4	39	25	5	6	9	21	27	57	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Brentford	40	12	4	4	44	23	3	6	11	30	44	55	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Bradford	39	9	6	4	34	23	5	5	10	25	36	53	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Bournemouth	40	12	4	5	33	18	3	6	11	20	37	58	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Walsal	40	12	4	3	33	17	1	7	11	19	24	52	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Gillingham	40	9	4	7	31	28	4	7	18	25	50	50	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Wrexham	40	11	4	5	38	23	1	9	10	16	43	49	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Wigan	39	10	2	8	33	13	4	4	12	34	44	52	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Rotherham	40	9	6	4	31	25	1	9	10	24	45	45	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Exeter	40	10	4	6	41	33	1	7	12	27	54	44	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Onion	39	8	6	6	34	33	3	2	13	14	44	44	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Presen	39	7	10	2	29	16	3	2	21	14	49	40	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Stoke	39	8	6	4	14	23	4	4	14	19	49	40	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Doncaster	39	6	8	5	37	35	3	2	15	17	45	37	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
Cheshster	40	6	6	8	27	23	2	6	12	15	35	36	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9	6	4	29	19
SCOTTISH DIV 2											SCOTTISH DIV 3													
HOME goals						AWAY goals					HOME goals						AWAY goals							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P			
Reechin	34	12	4	2	44	16	7	6	3	28	19	46	4	38	13	4	2	44	21	9				